NAZARENE

HYMNS,

FOR THE

CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OF

THE ONE ONLY TRUE GOD;

FOUNDED UPON THE

HOLY SCRIPTURES.

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Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and Him only ſhalt thou ſerve.
Deut. x. 20. Luke iv. 8.

The true worſhippers ſhall worſhip the Father in ſpirit and in truth.
John iv. 23.

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PREFACE.

SINGING to the praiſe of GOD, the Creator of all things, has ſufficient warrant in the revelation of his holy will to eſtabliſh it as a part of ſocial worſhip; and it has been accordingly ſo employed by profeſſed chriſtian worſhippers, with few exceptions, ſince the commencement of the goſpel diſpenſation; as well as it was a part of jewiſh devotion. The right object and deſign of this religious exerciſe is, reverently to magnify the adorable Author of all good, to acknowledge with humble gratitude and joy his benignant providence and moral government, and to confeſs with ſincere thankfulneſs our conſtant dependence upon his bounty and the variety of its gifts; to applaud the wonders of divine power and goodneſs, to admire the glories and bleſſings included in the goſpel diſpenſation, communicated to the world from God by the greateſt of all his prophets Jeſus the meſſiah, to teſtify our ſenſe of unworthineſs to participate in the privileges he proclaimed, and our conſciouſneſs of the neceſſity of obedience to all the precepts he taught; to celebrate, *with melody in*

the heart to the Lord, the gracious and noble truths of divine revelation, ſo abundantly enlightening and inſtructive to the human mind, to ſtimulate and *admoniſh one another* to the love and practice of beneficence and piety, by mutually extolling the excellence of chriſtian doctrines and virtues; and to avow and improve the believing hopes and deſires which the words of grace and truth excite in the heart. In the proper diſcharge of this chriſtian duty no object may be invoked, or addreſſed, beſides the infinite Being who made heaven and earth: even thoſe apoſtrophes, directed either to animate or inanimate things, which appear beauties in poeſy are blemiſhes in chriſtian devotion. And it is not needful to confine the melody of worſhip to the uſe of the pſalms, though the moſt devotional part of the ſcriptures; for other parts ſupply equally admirable, if not ſometimes ſuperior ſubjects of ſacred ſong.

But it is of importance, which I apprehend none who turn their conſideration to the ſubject can forbear to acknowledge, that the words of human compoſure, which the worſhippers ſing, ſhould harmoniſe with their ideas of divine truth; and convey the ſentiments of their minds. Language in direct adoration of God, and his glorious perfections, or expreſſing deſires of receiving the bleſſings of infinite mercy, and of thankſgiving for the beſtowments enjoyed, may be generally regarded as unexception-

able and well pleaſing; for as divine attributes muſt neceſſarily tranſcend all human conceptions, no phraſeology in their praiſe can be exorbitant or extreme; nor can piety and gratitude be ever too ardent. Yet ſentiments may be contained in ſuch devotional addreſſes as are not approved by all, as there may be compoſitions deſigned for ſocial worſhip, profeſſedly treating of doctrinal ſubjects, which to ſome appear inconſiſtent with the tenour of holy ſcripture; and therefore cannot be uſed with the underſtanding, and with ſincerity. The celebration of chriſtian truths being proper, as well as adoration and thanks, in ſocial ſinging, while there are in the chriſtian world ſuch divers and oppoſite opinions concerning the miſſion, nature, office and diſpenſation of our bleſſed Mediator, and even reſpecting the proper Object of divine adoration, a form of words that ſhall be acceptable to all is abſolutely unattainable; and no attempt can be more nugatory than that of endeavouring to produce a ſet of hymns, at the ſame time compriſing the ſubjects of the new teſtament, and ſuitable to the views of every worſhipper. No ſolid reaſon can be advanced why any chriſtians ſhould refuſe to ſing what they eſteem divine truth, and in words moſt explicitly and unequivocally declaring it: ſurely its not meeting the approbation of other ſects falls far below a ſufficient reaſon.

The hymns in moſt common uſe among diſſenters, and ſome verſions of the pſalms, of great merit as compoſures, by the manner in which they are paraphraſed, are fully and unreſervedly expreſſive of a certain doctrinal creed, which to many appears a wide deviation from the genuine truth and native ſimplicity of the goſpel; and is commonly known by the name of the Calviniſtic ſyſtem; which has been eſtabliſhed by human authority as the ſtandard of chriſtian truth,* and is no doubt very well calculated to anſwer its purpoſe. The preſervation and propagation of this, in modern times, have been greatly owing to the melliſluent and melodious ſtanzas, by which it has been recommended. Its tenets are, that the whole human race was by the ſin of the firſt man involved in ſpiritual death, and eternal condemnation—that all generations of mankind are born into the world with a depraved and corrupt nature, their original ſin, ever diſpoſing them only to evil; ſubject to the wrath and curſe of their almighty

* In the circular paper of a ſeminary, profeſſing to educate miniſters for the diſſenters, it is acknowledged that the doctrines of its tuition are thoſe of the church of England; the articles of a hierarchy eſtabliſhed by human power, and worſhipping according to human law! and ſuch they are, as being the tenets of the catechiſm compoſed by the aſſembly of divines, which ſat by authority of Parliament, to eſtabliſh ſound orthodoxy, or to determine for the multitude what they ſhould believe, and their children be taught, for the chriſtian truth.

Maker, and liable to the pains of hell for ever—that God in the exercise of his sovereign will elected some to everlasting life; but required an adequate compensation for their redemption—that a divine personality, equal in power and glory with God, condescended, in compassion to men, and designing to save all that possibly could be saved, to unite himself with human nature, and to be born of a virgin mother, to take upon himself by imputation the guilt of the elect number, and to perform a righteousness that should be imputed to them for their justification; and in addition to this to suffer for them the vengeance due to their sins, so rendering an atonement or full satisfaction to the Father, under the name of the divine justice; and thus appeasing his wrath on their behalf—that another divine personality, equal with God, by some secret supernatural operation works upon the hearts of this elect number, and suddenly makes them, by believing these things to be true, the fit subjects for the kingdom of heaven—and that all the remaining part of mankind, having no share in this imputed righteousness, atonement, and miraculous influence, and totally destitute of all power to do the will of God, utterly unable to help themselves in any degree, as being the descendants of Adam, are left to perish; or to be the subjects of God's glorifying his arbitrary justice, by inflicting

upon them the exquisite torments of burning to endless duration. This is called the revelation of divine grace, strongly and positively asserted, especially in methodism, to be the true gospel of Christ; and all who refuse an acquiescence in its tenour are often denied the christian name, and all claim to worthy motives; made to incur, like the Nazarene christians of old, *a sect every where spoken against*, the penalty of a marked opprobrium;* styled the broachers and vouchers of damnable heresies, and not unfrequently classed with infidels and atheists.

* In a treatise entitled the Calvinistic and Socinian systems compared, by Mr. Fuller, it is attempted to stigmatize unitarians with the brand of infidelity, by shewing a resemblance of their doctrine, under the name (generally renounced by themselves) Socinianism to Deism. The injustice of this has been clearly proved in the replies of Dr. Toulmin, and Mr. Kentish. When the most learned, zealous, and active, advocates for the christian revelation have been assertors of the divine unity, in opposition to the trinity of persons, such an imputation can have no force, except with the uninformed; and no other effect with them than to fan the flame of illiberal passion. The author ought to have recollected who they were that boastingly trusted to themselves that they were righteous, and *despised others*; he ought to have known that truth does not rest upon the success of preaching as society is now constituted; or upon the small or great body of people that profess it; or upon what men think, or in what manner they act: and that paucity of number, bearing a just testimony, and a worthy profession, even though but *ten righteous persons* does not in the least degree affect the evidence, value, or importance of truth itself; more particularly during the predicted dominion of antichrist.

This ſyſtem is compact and indiviſible; all its parts aſſort well together: and it muſt I think be wholly true, or entirely erroneous and falſe. Some however, ſhocked with certain poſitions it contains, have thought of ſatisfying their minds by adopting ſome moderate ſcheme, rejecting a part and retaining the remainder. One tenet in particular ſeems, by their frequent alluſion, to have engroſſed their warmeſt eſteem; which is often declared with peculiar aſſurance the only foundation of hope, although when it comes under a cloſe examination, nothing can render perſonal ſafety more precarious and uncertain; this is the atonement,* or ſatisfaction to divine juſtice by the blood of Chriſt. It muſt be confeſſed that if the ſyſtem itſelf were a genuine ſtatement of revealed truth, this as a literal definite ranſom would claim the firſt conſideration, and be

* The term *atonement* is found but once in the tranſlation of the new teſtament, Rom. v. 11. and there it ought to have been rendered *reconciliation*, intending the reconciliation of rebellious men to the gracious and holy authority of God; as clearly and beautifully explained in 2 Cor. v. 18, 19. The greek word, in its derivatives, occurs in about nine different texts in theſe two epiſtles, and I believe only in them; and is every where elſe either as a verb or a noun ſo rendered. And where in the old teſtament *reconciliation* is applied to the divine mind, it muſt be as figurative as his anger, his jealouſy, his grief, and repentance, for with God is *no variableneſs, nor ſhadow of turning*.

See Dr. Prieſtley's Hiſtory of the Corruptions of Chriſtianity; and his valuable Small Tracts.

of the higheſt conſequence. Torn from the ſyſtem, to which it of right belongs, it amounts to nothing, ſeparate from the ſyſtematic election, a mere ideal body without ſhape, dimenſion, or ſubſtance; it is every thing as a component part, for it embraces and comprehends all the reſt: and is as big with terror as vaſt in doctrinal import. This is often with prejudiced minds the laſt tenet ſurrendered, but when relinquiſhed is perceived the greateſt abuſe; as containing the ſum of that awful degradation by which the true God is diſhonoured. In the ſame proportion as it is underſtood to be the reverſe of heavenly truth, muſt it appear laudable and worthy of earneſt exertion to deſtroy its credit.

It is clearly evident to me that the doctrines of this hypotheſis were never taught by Jeſus of Nazareth, who came, by the appointment of God, *to bear witneſs unto the truth;* nor were they ever inculcated by any of his apoſtles, whoſe mode of preaching is recorded in the acts, after they had received the promiſed extraordinary aſſiſtance by a miraculous afflatus, on the day of Pentecoſt. Nor is there I conceive a ſingle paſſage in the epiſtles, when due allowance is made for their authors figurative mode of writing, that will yield them ſupport;§ though

§ If the death of Jeſus had been literally a ſacrifice for human guilt or his blood, ſhed by the vileſt murder, an atonement in the idea of the apoſtles, they would, as faithful witneſſes, have ſtated it moſt explicitly,

a few paſſages may appear to juſtify them, when wreſted from their connection, and perverted from their original deſign; when no regard is had to the ſtyle and occaſion of writing, and to the perſons addreſſed, eſpecially the Hebrews, many of whom were labouring under jewiſh prejudices, and ritual attachments: and when no interpolations, miſtranſlations, or errors of any kind are admitted.* It is

and ſtrongly inſiſted upon it, in their preaching the goſpel after the inſpiration of pentecoſt; for they were then led into all the truth; and in their view the reſurrection of Chriſt muſt have been a ſubordinate circumſtance: whereas we find a perfect ſilence in their diſcourſes concerning the former, while the latter is repreſented as the grand event. And in the conference, Acts viii. 30. &c. between Philip and the Eunuch on the liii. ch. of Iſaiah, which deſcribed a ſuffering Meſſiah, in the phraſeology of Hebrew propheſy, not a ſyllable occurs of a literal atonement.—To find how little ſupport this, and its relative doctrines, have in the epiſtles ſee the excellent "paraphraſe" of John Locke Eſq. and "The ſcripture account of the attributes and worſhip of God," by Hopton Haynes Eſq. the friend of Sir Iſaac Newton, of ſimilar ſentiments. Theſe works are of great intrinſic value, and the more to be eſteemed, as being the productions of independent laymen of great piety and learning, whoſe opinions could not be warped by ſecular intereſt; and who may be ſuppoſed to have been actuated only by the love of truth.

* Two of the chief texts adduced for the myſtery of the Trinity are Matt. xxviii. 19. and I John v. 7. the latter of theſe has been clearly proved an interpolation, as it was never found in any ancient copy, or verſion; and was unknown till the time of Eraſmus. And the former paſſage is to me at leaſt very queſtionable; containing a ſpecific form

impoſſible that the penmen of ſacred writ, inſtructed as they were in the true nature and tidings of the chriſtian diſpenſation, could ever teach that for goſpel truth which is diſhonourable to the ſupreme Being in the extreme; which is ſubſervient to ſuperſtition, and ſpiritual pride, and wofully productive of infidelity; that for gracious truth which is ſo terrible in its import, that the more it is contemplated

for the adminiſtration of baptiſm, and ſaid to have been ſpoken by our Lord to his apoſtles in Galilee, where he appointed to meet them after his reſurrection; this ill accords with the hiſtory of Luke, which is in perfect harmony with the acts of the apoſtles, and whoſe authenticity appears to me indubitable, ch. xxiv. 13. 33. 47. 49. And omitting the firſt eight verſes of the 16th. of Mark, there will be found an agreement with Luke's account; and though baptiſm is here mentioned, the form of words given in Matthew is not. Add to this, that we do not find this form of words ever employed in the acts of the apoſtles, although ſeveral inſtances of baptiſm as an ordinance of apoſtolic practice are recorded; but as they wrought miracles ſo they baptiſed, as well as prayed, and did all things in the name of the Lord Jeſus.

As to miſtranſlations, two of the ſtrongeſt paſſages alleged for the deity of Chriſt, Rom. ix. 5. and Phil. ii. 6. appear among others of this deſcription. The right reading of the firſt probably is, *God be bleſſed for ever*; and of the latter, *thought not the robbery to be equal with God, but* (inſtead of ſo aſpiring) *made himſelf of no reputation*; which conſiſts with his own poſitive declaration, in reply to the jewiſh accuſation, John v. 18, 19. And the only paſſage that can be adduced to ſanction the form, *for the ſake of Chriſt's merits*, is Eph. iv. 32. and there the greek prepoſition ought to have been tranſlated, in or by, or through; as the apoſtle evidently intended to expreſs the inſtrumentality of Chriſt.

the more it beclouds all perſonal expectation of futurity; and appears enough to make every heart tremble and ſhudder that feels a regard for the human race, and a benevolent intereſt in their welfare. And ſurely it is impoſſible that a wiſh for its proving reality in the end, ſhould be coextenſive with its profeſſion. Happy it is for the world that the ſyſtem of Calvin is as mythological and fabulous, as it is dreadful. And if it were not for the force and violence of ſuperſtitious prejudices and conceits, generated and cheriſhed by human authority, and which knowledge alone, and not always that, can properly ſubdue, ſuch a repreſentation of the goſpel as is contrary to this, ſuch as reveals ſalvation within the reach of all, and unfolds the treaſures of infinite love to every penitent, would be univerſally eſteemed the moſt glad and joyful tidings.

The ill effects of this ſyſtem have been manifeſt in a variety of inſtances, in nothing more apparent than in the alteration it has occaſioned in divine worſhip. As far as corrupt notions of the goſpel have prevailed, particularly when mingled with enthuſiaſm, they have given devotion a caſt altogether different from what it was in the early days of chriſtianity. Inſtead of the adoration of one great and infinite Object, they have introduced the worſhip of three perſons, as belonging to the godhead. And it often appears that the addreſſes of adoration,

thankſgiving and praiſe principally regard only one of the three, neither Jehovah nor Jeſus of Nazareth, but an object entitled the God-man, the ſecond perſon of the Trinity; as I apprehend a mere deific form of imagination, a falſe chriſt, but in this ſyſtem and its worſhip the chief and beſt god, the god of all love and mercy. To this deity all is due, and all is rendered. His ſuppoſed acts, perfectly viſionary and unknown in the new teſtament, his laying aſide his glory poſſeſſed coeternally with God, taking humanity into hypoſtatic union with divinity, and by imputation the ſins of a certain part of mankind, ſuffering the vengeance of the Father, and dying in their ſtead, ſprinkling his atoning blood over God's burning altar to appeaſe his wrath and the like, are the ſubjects of the moſt animated hymns; and are generally ſung with the warmeſt glow of impaſſioned, and enraptured feeling. This is totally and extremely unwarrantable; the more for being highly injurious to the moral character of the Supreme Being, our merciful Father in heaven. Between this methodiſtic* worſhip and that of popery there is no eſſential difference.

* I wiſh to be underſtood as condemning methodiſm, and not methodiſts; the ſyſtem, and not the ſect. Many of the people I reſpect and eſteem as poſſeſſed of the beſt integrity, and moſt diſintereſted zeal; but diſlike and decry their miſtakes and deluſions, to which bigoty is to be aſcribed. It is fruitleſs here to allege that methodiſm has done good.

The grand deſign to be accompliſhed by the divine wiſdom in the national inſtitution of Iſrael was the appointment and preſervation of the pure worſhip of one God, till the time of the Meſſiah; and this muſt be equally important under the chriſtian diſpenſation. It ſtands in the goſpel moſt ſtrikingly injoined and enforced both by the precept and pattern of our Saviour, and by the direction and example of his apoſtles; and no names, however numerous eminent and ſplendid, can ſanction any other ſpecies of worſhip; nor can any human compoſitions as forms of devotion, though incomparable in their execution, be a ſufficient warrant for a departure from that order, which the divine authority hath eſtabliſhed: *Thou ſhalt worſhip the Lord thy God, and Him only ſhalt thou ſerve.* To worſhip another ob-

It has ſo in correcting ſome vices, but harm in engendering unchriſtian-like paſſions, and undervaluing evangelical morals. Epiſcopal eſtabliſhments have done ſome good. The ſuperſtitions of Rome have alſo done ſome good; ſo have Paganiſm, and Mahometaniſm, ſo has infidelity, ſo have the dreadful abominations war and perſecution, and ſo has ſin itſelf. It is ſo adjuſted in the wiſdom of providence that no bad cauſes, even the worſt, ſhall produce wholly bad effects. The queſtion is what good has methodiſm ever done, or can it ever do, in reſpect to the condition of mankind, compared with genuine enlightening inſtructing chriſtianity, promoted with equal diligence and induſtry? This is a tree of life, no evils can ever flouriſh under its ſhadow. It can never protect, much leſs patroniſe, the leaſt injuſtice, or impoſition, for it knows no ſubſtitute for ſterling virtue.

ject than God is impoſſible without having an image of it in view, or in the imagination, which amounts to the ſame thing: but in right adoration of God there is no ſuch image, and there can be none; becauſe we worſhip infinite wiſdom, almighty power, perfect holineſs, unbounded love and goodneſs, the ſum of divine attributes; and though the mind be aſſiſted by the ſurvey and remembrance of human properties, and chriſtian virtues, to form an idea, at beſt faint, of abſolute perfection, it is not poſſible to conceive of any image, or proper likeneſs to it: conſequently the pureſt devotion is the leaſt ſenſual.

Although an exterior profeſſion be under human controul, yet real believing is not; this to be worthy of the name is perſuaſion produced by a perception of evidence. To every individual that is truth which is ſo eſteemed, after the means within reach have been improved for acquiring its knowledge: and as guilt or virtue before God conſiſts in aim and intention, they are innocently engaged who are employed in worſhip, whatever the mode, according to their underſtanding and belief; though not according to divine preſcript. The Moſt High receives *according to what a man hath;* and to his compaſſionate ear true piety, however miſtaken, yields an acceptable offering.

To imagine however that the profeſſion of belief in the predominant notions, which have led to idol-

atrous worſhip, is with the multitude who ſuſtain it the reſult of examination, and a full conviction of their truth, would be an overſtrained candour; which loſes its excellence when carried to excefs, becauſe degenerated to weakneſs. Alas! in all chriſtian aſſemblies there are too many who do not eſteem truth a pearl of ſufficient value to engage much er quiry and ſearch after it. Under a ſcrutiny it would be found that all are not thoroughly convinced that good deſires are put into the mind by ſpecial grace, or holy inſpiration; or that Chriſt was given to be a ſacrifice for ſin in a literal ſenſe, and that all good is beſtowed for the ſake of his merits; or that to addreſs the object of worſhip who is, or ought to be, the God of the univerſe, under the name of a lamb, or to invoke him by his agony and bloody ſweat, paſſion and burial, is quite proper and ſuitable to ſcripture rule; nor are all ſo fully perſuaded as to have no doubt of their periſhing everlaſtingly, who cannot help thinking that three almighties are more than one, or that it is in its own nature impoſſible for more than one almighty power to exiſt. Neither would all feel ſatisfied in riſking their future ſafety upon a ſupernatural converſion, of which they can give no proper, becauſe no ſupernatural, evidence; or upon a ſatisfaction to vindictive juſtice, which regards a definite number out of ſo many millions as have conſtituted the poſterity of

Adam; or upon any thing elſe than the revealed mercy of God. Unqueſtionably many have, or imagine they have, ſuch a belief as is equal to their profeſſion,. who are ſtrictly pious and faithfully devout; for the moſt corrupt creed is not always corrupting in its influence: even the notions of monopoliſing the divine favour, and its being right to perſecute, whoſe natural offspring are bigotry and animoſity, are often harmleſs dogmas; being reſtrained and counteracted by better principles, by the pure precepts, and the mild and amiable virtues of the goſpel of Jeſus. Indeed greater ſincerity, or a more excellent ſpirit of devotion than belongs to ſome of very erroneous opinions, I am confident no where exiſts. Such can unite in the worſhip that embraces the calviniſtic ſyſtem, whoſe apprehenſions accord with it, yet for thoſe who avowedly apprehend it to be a perverſion of ſacred truth to join, or ſtatedly to attend it, is a reprehenſible temporiſing conformity to what their conſciences muſt deem antichriſtian will-worſhip; a criminal diſſimulation, moſt ſtrenuouſly oppoſed, and forbidden, by the ſimplicity that is in Chriſt. Nor can the evil of trifling with truth, in ſuch compliance, be palliated by the plea of having no miniſter to lead other devotion, any more than it would, in different circumſtances, excuſe a conſtant attendance upon popiſh maſs, or a Turkiſh moſque; eſpecially when other and ſuffi-

ient aids can be eaſily procured. To worſhip with multitude may be moſt pleaſing to the ſenſe, and exhilarating to the animal ſpirits; but with only two or three may be found the greateſt purity of devotion, as conſiſting in obedience to expreſs commands; and where the ſight of a large aſſembly is neceſſary to provoke a diſpoſition to worſhip God, the worſhip itſelf muſt be defective in its main principle. It is the flow of untutored paſſion, not the employment of an inſtructed underſtanding.

Deſirous of rendering the pſalmody of a ſmall ociety* at Billericay more relative to the ſubjects of the new teſtament, than it could be while confined to a ſmall number of metred pſalms, that were judged proper to be ſung, my firſt intention was to have formed a ſelection; but ſoon perceived that my wiſh, in this mode, could not have been fully accompliſhed. Many ſelections have been made from various authors, and publiſhed for the uſe of them who deſire to avoid giving offence to conſcience in the worſhip of God, and to preſerve due conſiſtency of ſentiment and devotion: but it appears that, though they contain many valuable and excellent poems, the well-intentioned endeavours of the com-

* See a Sermon entitled, "No ſhame in ſuffering for truth," preached at Billericay, on occaſion of an excluſion from the Meeting-houſe, for a profeſſion of Unitarian principles; with an appendix, ſtating, in letters, a narrative of the event.

pilers have not completely anſwered their purpoſe. Their collections have generally diſplayed the common error of occaſionally invoking more objects than one; they have not ſufficiently expreſſed other ſentiments than thoſe diſbelieved and avoided, eſpecially that which is ſo fully affirmed, and often repeated, in the ſcriptures the unity of God; they have been deficient in reſpect to many of the ſublime ſubjects of chriſtian revelation; and have not produced adequate effects. It is not pretended that the following hymns are any thing more than an attempt at a remedy. They have been compoſed under the fulleſt perſuaſion that the truths, entwined with the devotional addreſſes, are the ſubſtance and glory of the goſpel; ſuch as, That there is but ONE GOD, to whom alone adoration is due; even the GOD and FATHER of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt*—that God is

* The direction of Chriſt was, Luke xi. 2. *When ye pray, ſay, Our* FATHER *who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,* And this was according to his own example, John xvii. 3. *This is life eternal that they might know thee the* ONLY TRUE GOD, *and Jeſus Chriſt whom thou haſt ſent.* That the apoſtles underſtood this to be the right order of chriſtian worſhip is plain, in many inſtances, moſt eſpecially in their emphatical addreſs in Acts iv. 24. *They lift up their voice to* GOD, *with one accord, and ſaid* LORD *thou art* GOD, *which haſt made heaven, and earth* &c. and that they thus addreſſed the FATHER of Chriſt is evident in the ſame prayer, v. 27. *Of a truth againſt thy holy ſervant Jeſus, whom* THOU *haſt anointed* &c. Surely ſuch plain evidences concerning the Object of true devotion ought to regulate the conduct of worſhip, in all chriſtian aſſemblies.

unchangeable in his nature, and could never be ſubject to any appeaſing, reconciliation, or ſatisfaction—and that he is the great Ruler in providence; and merciful Parent of all his offspring of mankind—that his Spirit intends the energy of his holy will; which on extraordinary occaſions, and for the benefit of the world, communicated divine inſpiration to men—that *Jeſus of Nazareth* was the *Son of man:* and born into the world like other men*—that he

* The proper human birth of Jeſus cannot meet the ideas of thoſe who receive as authentic the two firſt chapters of Matthew and Luke. But (excepting Luke's preface, or five firſt verſes) they could have had no exiſtence in the time of the Nazarene chriſtians, who believed that Jeſus (in hebrew Joſhua) was the ſon of Joſeph and Mary his wife; and the name *Nazarene* appears to have been introduced in Matt. ii. 23, merely becauſe it was the common appellation that the diſciples bore, for there is no ſuch propheſy. Nor could what theſe chapters contain have been known to Mark when he wrote his goſpel, ch. i. 1—4. He conſidered Chriſt's firſt public appearance, or proper coming as the Meſſiah, to have been after John's preaching had prepared the way; but thoſe chapters deſcribe his appearance as the promiſed Meſſiah without a prophetic harbinger. If the extraordinary circumſtances related had pointed out Jeſus to have been born *king of the jews*, how came he afterwards to fall into ſuch obſcurity as to purſue a mechanical occupation? And how could the people *muſe in their hearts of John, whether he were the Chriſt, or not?* Luke iii. 15. And how could John himſelf have ſent from priſon the enquiry, *whether he were the Chriſt*, Matt. xi. 3. and Luke vii. 19. And if Philip had known of the miraculous birth how could he have accoſted Nathaniel as he did, John i. 45. calling *Jeſus of Nazareth, the ſon of Joſeph?* And how came it to paſs that John at firſt *knew him not*, when he was baptiſed? John i. 33. But ſo

was peculiarly diſtinguiſhed, and anointed as a prophet of God, and raiſed to exalted dignity, ſingularly conſtituted the Son of God; MAN in nature, and LORD in office—that he ſuffered, and died, through the malignity of his perſecutors, under divine permiſſion, in atteſtation and confirmation of the ſacred

ſtrong are the objections which their own contents furniſh, eſpecially the two chapters placed at the head of Matthew's goſpel, which have not been found in ſome ancient copies, as to render it ſtrange that they ſhould ſo long have maintained any credit; particularly as they have ſo often expoſed chriſtianity to the ridicule of unbelievers.

The firſt verſe aſſerts the genealogy given to be the generation of Jeſus Chriſt, and traces it incorrectly according to Luke's hiſtory to Joſeph, v. 16. as the huſband of Mary, and the natural Father of Jeſus; from verſe 18th. to the end of the firſt chapter this is poſitively contradicted, by the account of Mary's preternatural conception—If the prophecies are examined it will appear that not one of them related to the circumſtances for which they are miſquoted in both the chapters; but to thoſe of a quite different nature. As to that in Mic. v. 2. it could only intend that Chriſt ſhould be a deſcendant of David, whoſe city was *Bethlehem*; becauſe he was always called *Jeſus of Nazareth*, ſignifying that that was the place of his nativity; otherwiſe he had been Jeſus of Bethlehem.—If he were not the ſon of Joſeph, how can it appear that he was the offſpring of *David*, ſo often predicted in the old teſtament, and declared in the new? By Luke's genealogy chap. iii. it is evident that *Joſeph* was of the line of *Judah*, David's line, but we have no aſſurance that *Mary* was. Indeed the account given of her in the 2d. of Luke makes it doubtful, as ſhe is there called the couſin of *Elizabeth*; who is ſaid to have been one of the daughters of *Aaron*, and conſequently not of the tribe of *Judah*.—The relation of a ſtar guiding the eaſtern magi, is an honour put upon aſtrology totally inconſiſtent with its being as declared in the old teſtament highly offenſive to God: and

truth he was ſignally inſpired to publiſh—and that he was raiſed up from the ſepulchre, by the power of God, in proof of his meſſiahſhip, and appointment to judge the world—that the tranſgreſſion of our firſt parents introduced moral evil, irkſome labour, ſorrow, and natural death—that God has given

what was its reſult? Making Herod a monſter of cruelty. How extremely improbable that the birth of the Meſſiah ſhould have been an occaſion to ſo much blood-ſpilling, as the ſlaughter of all the infants in Bethlehem, and its coaſts, under two years of age! This is corroborated by no other hiſtory, though an event that, if true, muſt have provoked rebellion; unleſs the parents were as unnatural as Herod himſelf; and have excited general indignation.—And ſuppoſing either of the accounts given in theſe chapters at the head of Matthew's and Luke's goſpels to be true, yet one of them muſt be diſcarded, for it is impoſſible that both ſhould be a ſtatement of fact, as they are manifeſtly different and diſcordant hiſtories. In Matt. ii. 13—15. it is aſſerted that Joſeph was warned of God in a dream to flee into Egypt with the young child, that he went thither; and there continued till the death of Herod. But in Luke, ii. 22—24. it is ſaid that when the days (40) of Mary's purification were accompliſhed, they brought the child to Jeruſalem, to preſent him to the Lord, and to offer a ſacrifice; and in verſe 39. when they had performed all things according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

This ſtory of the miraculous birth of Jeſus, to propagate which was the obvious deſign of the chapters, whenever they were foiſted into the new teſtament, was nothing more than the repetition of a fable long rehearſed, and on various occaſions, in the pagan world; and appears in this connection to have originated in ſhame of the *Son of man*, and his mean parentage. If all that theſe forged chapters contain had been true, for if true the circumſtances were notorious, and the ſtar and the infant-maſſacre could never have been forgotten, then would not the

an ability, and talents, to all men to do his pleaſure—that election in the new teſtament is a term borrowed from the former ſtate of the jewiſh people; and commonly intends the extenſion of the goſpel to the gentile nations—that regeneration ſignifies the great change of views and circumſtances, introduced by the preaching of the goſpel to the heathen world; which was at firſt miraculouſly effected—that the new

Meſſiah have been rejected by the degenerate depraved jews as the ſon of the carpenter, John vi. 42 as unworthy of their nation, and not poſſeſſing ſufficient power, grandeur, and opulence, to their taſte. The whole narration materially affects the nature of the chriſtian religion. This is a ſtrong objection, adding great weight and conſequence to all the reſt. It gives a clew that can no where be traced through the chriſtian ſcriptures, though the circumſtance of a miraculous birth muſt ſurely have been ſometimes alluded to by the apoſtles if it had been a fact in their belief. It goes to change the very genius and ſpirit of the goſpel; for it turns aſide its true and eſſential glory, the unvarniſhed beauty of the holy truth, its humility; and introduces worldly pomp, and grandeur, preſenting gold, and frankincenſe, and myrrhe, to the royal infant; and without doubt by a deſire for this it was firſt inſtigated: probably intended to procure a ſplendid chriſtmas feſtival, when the erection of a chriſtian hierarchy was in contemplation. The fabulous hiſtory of theſe chapters compoſes ſo large a part of the ſuperſtition of religious eſtabliſhments, throughout Chriſtendom, and is ſo neceſſary to their faith and worſhip, that no hierarchy exiſting could endure without them, or will be long able to ſurvive that general diſcredit into which they are deſtined to fall; when men will exerciſe their reaſon and underſtanding to judge what is right.

See Mr. Evanſon's Diſſonance, on theſe chapters; and Dr. Williams's enquiry into their authenticity.

covenant ſpecifies what is required of us; and aſſures both *jews* and *gentiles* of life in compliance with its terms, and of future awful puniſhment as the certain effect of rejecting them; to be inflicted not for the ſake of excerciſing penal juſtice, but to anſwer a good end—that its two great commandments, comprehending all the morals of the decalogue, pertain to the *love of* GOD and of *our Neighbour*, in ſincerity and truth—that chriſtian righteouſneſs is the fruit of believing the goſpel; and conſiſts in conformity to the precepts, and reſemblance to the character, of Jeſus—and that there ſhall be a reſurrection of all the dead; which will be the reſtoration of our conſcioufneſs, if not of all the materials which now conſtitute our frame.

If theſe glorious principles of divine revelation be properly underſtood, and felt in their influential power, no conſiderations ſuggeſted by intimidation, no maxims of carnal prudence, nor views of accommodation, will effectually hinder the profeſſion of them. If chriſtians muſt be ready to *deny themſelves*, to *endure hardneſs*, to bear all things for the truth's ſake; and even if reduced to the laſt extremity, after the example of our ſaviour and his apoſtles, firmly to ſuffer death for the chriſtian cauſe, how unſeemly and inconſiſtent is it for them to ſhrink from bearing their honourable teſtimony to the truth, in view of comparative little diſcouragement, to be aſhamed of

the *ſon of man and his words*; or to diſguiſe their faith under the appearance of attachment to erroneous opinions, and ſpurious worſhip, merely for the ſake of eſcaping ſlander and inconvenience; or for procuring worldly approbation and advantage.* Witneſſing errors careſſed with great warmth of affection, ſupported and promoted with fervent generous zeal, ſhall truth pure and undefiled, be neglected, and reſemble in its condition a ſickening pining unbefriended beggar, receiving no ſuccour from its cold hearted profeſſors, amid the pelting of reproach from its enemies on either ſide, of mutual growth and power, ſuperſtition and infidelity? Surely they are unworthy to be pronounced the friends and advocates of genuine chriſtianity, who have not a lively active concern for its advancement; for by its reign alone will the ſtate of ſociety be materially improved, and the condition of the world ſubſtantially benefited. If believed true at all, it can appear ſecondary to nothing; but muſt be ſeen of the firſt importance.

* A pleaſing narrative of a number of mechanics in Yorkſhire has lately been publiſhed by D. Eaton. Being convinced of their former errors, through a diligent examination of the ſcriptures, they have not ſhunned openly to renounce them; and from having been Calviniſtic methodiſts, are become a profeſſed Unitarian ſociety. It is earneſtly to be wiſhed that enquiry could be much excited amongſt this deſcription of people, that truth which has been too much confined to a few, ſhould have an enlarged ſpread.

Confeſſing themſelves too, conſcious of being bleſt by the Creator, as his rational offspring, with ſufficient power, and endowed with adequate means, for pleaſing and honouring him; and of being reſponſible for talents given to be employed for uſefulneſs, how inexcuſable muſt they be if they allow of thoſe omiſſions of conſcientious duty to God, or men, or indulge in thoſe vices, or even levities and conformities to the vain manner of life, through which the cauſe of divine truth may be wounded: or if they neglect what their Maſter has ſolemnly injoined to watch and pray leſt they enter into temptation? Religion is then of no value, it is dwindled and ſhriveled into a mere ſkeleton form, nay is become pernicious mockery, when it does not include the ſpirit of devout piety; and produce the fruits of virtue and righteouſneſs. It then only ſhines in its true luſtre, and exhibits its ultimate intent, when it ſupports benevolence of heart; and diſplays real goodneſs, and utility, of character.

A moſt beneficial antidote againſt declenſion, and an excellent ſtimulous to all that is ornamental and uſeful to the chriſtian name, will be found in a frequent and habitual recurrence to the pure chriſtian principles, by ſearching the ſcriptures with freedom of underſtanding, governed by reverential eſteem. The volume of mercy would be of unſpeakable

worth, if it only contained the two great and im
portant truths, which are clearly revealed, that th
true GOD our heavenly Father is freely propitio
to penitent men; and that by reſurrection we ſha
ſurvive the preſent ſtate. But its copious conten
its holy precepts, rational virtues, gracious ord
nances, glorious tidings and ſalvation, are indee
worthy of all acceptation. The goſpel is the reco
of God concerning the means of his merciful ado
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revealed grace affords is moſt extenſive, abundan
and ſublime; and I am perſuaded that the more it
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expanded with delight, and attached to its evidence
its truths, and its bleſſings: the more it will b
eſteemed as an invaluable treaſure, whoſe rich a

peerleſs beauties will amply recompenſe a diligent ſearch; an inexhauſtible mine whoſe excellent precious ore infinitely ſurpaſſes all that this world can preſent to the view. This would eſpecially be the happy reſult of inveſtigation, if all the elements and additions of worldly device could be ſtripped away; and what remained faithfully communicated the meaning of the ſacred writers: and this I doubt not will in time be effected.

Perhaps the dawn of that moſt delightful morning is not far diſtant, for ſtriking indications of its approach ſeem to be appearing in the diſpenſations of divine Providence, when God's righteous ſervant JESUS, as diſplayed in the pure goſpel truth, ſhall become the *deſire of all nations*, when he ſhall have *the heathen for his inheritance, and the uttermoſt parts of the earth for his* rightful *poſſeſſion*. When the knowledge of the Lord ſhall be ſo *increaſed* as to cover the whole world, the tribes of ancient priviledges be recovered and regrafted, and all the gentiles embrace the bleſſed truth; and when GOD *ſhall be King over all the earth, and his name* ONE. Inſtead of our mourning over the grave of deſpotiſm and popery in any inſtance,* or of any reſemblances to

* This ſtrain of bewailment has been very familiar of late, and ſome have been heard to join in the methodiſtic mourning of whom, though they had been more ſparing of promiſe, better things might have been expected: of this kind is a ſermon on the *Influence of Modern Infidelity*,

them, which are universally doomed to fall to pre-
pare the way, it becomes us, as discarding all the
authority of men in the things which relate to the
kingdom of God, to view with grateful admiration
every promising event. Then shall all secular in-
terests be separated from the gospel, that it may have

by Mr. Hall. To a mind retaining attachment with unwavering fix-
bility to those noble principles which embrace the welfare of the many,
in opposition to the aggrandisement of the few, from the dominion of
which must the greatest sum of happiness proceed, this discourse cannot
fail of being viewed, on account of its obvious design, as a painful speci-
men of that imbecility of thought, into which considerable mental
vigour and acquisition may be betrayed, through some unhappy bias.
The author even appears degraded to an affinity with the once-opposed
Mr. Clayton, who, in the ease and plenty of his religion, could so far
forget that Jesus came not to destroy as to espouse the principle of burn-
ing for heresy, by chuckling over the outragious persecution of Dr.
Priestley; whose philosophical and literary eminence, superior as it is,
loses all its lustre, when set in competition with the amiable lineaments,
the benevolence, piety, and utility, of his christian character. This
sermon might have been properly enough entitled, Aid to falling Anti-
christ, or An attempt to explode human liberty by condemning as
atheistic every essay to improve the condition of mankind; being an
effort, under the most specious deceivable appearance, applying remarks
to the common profession of christianity, resulting from secular patron-
age, which are alone justly applicable to its true principles, to blast the
grandest event that has excited human admiration since the dispensation
of the gospel; even the first great providential blow to the throne of the
Beast, by a vast nation's deliverance from its power. The direct tend-
ency of this is to fix on the spirit of innovation indiscriminately, which
may sometimes at least be wise and salutary reform, and upon all who
dissent from the general voice in political and theological theories the

free ſcope to be glorified. And then I believe will that ſyſtem which under high patronage has attained to great fame, which has long deceived and enſlaved many, in defence of which great armies have deſperately fought, and copiouſly bled, be utterly annihilated; though it will live and probably in great

foulest brand of calumny, already too rife with the unthinking, the atheiſtic odium. It will be readily admitted by every friend to humanity that bloodſhed is always dreadful, carnage premeditated, wanton, and diſplayed on an extenſive ſcale, terrible in the extreme; but if lamentation expreſs more than the effect, the true parent and real actors ought in juſtice to be acknowledged. Shocking enormities and deeds of horror, that have recently afflicted and ſickened nature, ought not to be charged upon peaceable ſpeculation; which are well known to be the natural progeny of a proud, gaudy, pompous, corrupt, oppreſſive hierarchy, the ally and chief coadjutor of a deſpotic government; and of that inveterate malignity, inherent in tyranny, in the eye of which no deed is too black or too bloody for perpetration, and no number eſtimated too large for ſlaughter, to preſerve its power when ſuſpected to be at ſtake. And much as avowed ſpeculative atheiſm is to be deplored and abominated, there is another ſpecies of it to the full as odious in its nature, and inexpreſſibly more pernicious in its effects, bearing the ſtrongeſt claim to be accounted its progenitor; it is atheiſm in the maſk and vanity of religious pretenſions; it is infidelity diſguiſed under myſterious doctrines, and ſuperſtitious formularies, deluding the ignorant, uttering lies in hypocriſy, and by defaming the divine character and government rendering the Deity contemptible; which firſt made the multitude ungodly and barbarous, darkened the theatre where was acted the ſcene of horrors, and inſpired the deſperation and fury from which they ſprung, by practically conducting for perſonal emolument a ſtudied ſyſtem of oppreſſion and cruelty.

ſplendour, while the *two witneſſes* lie *ſlain* for a few days *in the ſtreet of the great city*. If any ſervice I can render to the cauſe of divine truth, which is deareſt to my heart, be made under the bleſſing of God, inſtrumental for advancing its intereſt, or to aſſiſt thoſe who deſire to worſhip the FATHER, the only eternal GOD in the name of *Jeſus of Nazareth, in ſpirit and truth*, I ſhall have under any meaſure of diſcouragement great reaſon for rejoicing; perſuaded that ſentiments now deſpiſed will be one day moſt devoutly revered, and ardently eſteemed univerſally as the only rational precious chriſtian truth.

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Nazarene Hymns,

FOR THE

Chriſtian Worſhip

OF

THE ONE TRUE GOD.

HYMN I.

Invocation to the Deity for the revival of genuine Truth. Hab. iii. 2.

ALMIGHTY GOD! Creator of the ſpheres,
Controuling all things in wiſe providence!
Right order to thy grand ſurvey appears,
Where reigns confuſion to the feeble ſenſe.

Truth's dictates pure with reaſon's voice agree,
Both thy free gifts, beſtow'd that man might trace
Thy mercy's will, moſt perfect UNITY,
And th' INDEPENDENCE of thy pard'ning grace.

Seeing with frailty, common to mankind,
Errors and evils complicate exiſt;
As to thine honour, and pure will inclin'd,
In deepeſt grief my heart mourns o'er the liſt.

Thy glory tarniſh'd, ſacred name profan'd,
Moſt kind and righteous government defam'd;
Thy lowly ſervant Jeſus wide diſdain'd,
And falſe device the goſpel cauſe miſnam'd.

The holy vine, whoſe healing leaves, and fruit,
All former bleſſings of thy love excell'd,
Have human pow'rs deſpoil'd; while yet the root,
Eſtabliſh'd by thy hand, aſſaults repell'd.

When guilt ſhall fill its meaſure, errors reach
Their utmoſt bound; ſhall not thy truth regain
Its priſtine honours, and true glory teach?
Let no attempt t' unveil thy truth be vain.

HYMN II. L. M.

Praiſe to the only God of Creation and Providence.
Pſ. ix. 1, 2. Iſa. xxv. 1.

1 AUTHOR of life, ſupremely great!
PARENT and Friend of ev'ry kind!
May we our grateful praiſe repeat,
With chriſtian harmony of mind.

2 From nothing thine almighty word
Produc'd the boundleſs univerſe;
Whoſe ſhining ſpheres with one accord
The wonders of thy ſkill rehearſe.

3 Thy might omnipotent maintains
O'er all the worlds a ſov'reign ſway;
With pow'r unerring wiſdom reigns,
And bleſſings wait upon each day.

4 Rich is the bounty of thy hand,
Widely diffuſ'd from year to year;
As ſeaſons roll at thy command,
Thy varied gifts of love appear.

5 The crumbs of thy beſtowment claim
Th' adoring homage of our hearts;
Far more thy truth, the ſacred ſtream
That bleſſed hope and joy imparts.

6 In ſafety kept by watchful care,
Led by the precepts of thy word,
May ev'ry thought and action bear
A faithful tribute to the LORD.

HYMN III. C. M.

Prayer with humble confidence for the divine bleſſing in the Sanctuary of God. Pſ. cxxxii.

1 ARISE O LORD into thy reſt,
In mildeſt glory come;
Cheer with thy promiſes each breaſt,
Let Zion be our home.

2 Zion is thine eternal choice,
Thy dwelling place deſir'd;
The ſacred reſt where all rejoice,
With holy love inſpir'd.

3 Let them that happy tidings hear,
In righteouſneſs be cloth'd;
With joy may all the meſſage hear,
Nor let thy truth be loath'd.

4 Abundant bleſſings thou wilt give,
And own thy living bread;
The meekly penitent ſhall live,
Thy poor be richly fed.

5 Here ſhall the horn of *David* bud,
Truth for a lamp ordain'd;

And triumphs ſeen of precious blood,
That vicious hands profan'd.

6 His glorious crown ſhall flouriſh long,
While foes are cloth'd with ſhame:
Salvation's joy his people's ſong
Hoſanna on his name.

HYMN IV. S. M.

God our Refuge. Pſ. xlvi.

1 ALMIGHTY POTENTATE!
No GOD but thee we know;
No pow'r but thine could e'er create,
Or ſov'reign glory ſhow.

2 Eternal is thine arm,
Of ſelf-exiſtent might;
Peace thine abode, 'bove all alarm,
Surrounded with pure light.

3 GREAT KING of all the earth!
Thy throne is holineſs;
Yet tender Mercy ſhews its worth
To men in deep diſtreſs.

4 Thou art the refuge ſure
For ev'ry troubled mind;
The high and low, the rich and poor,
May preſent ſhelter find.

5 Though heaving billows roar,
And mountains diſappear;
Though earth remov'd be ſeen no more,
We ſhould not ſink in fear.

6 The ſouls that offer praiſe
Will glorify thy name;

And, ord'ring by thy word their ways,
Shall never ſuffer ſhame.

HYMN V. L. M.

God humbly worſhipped in ſolemn Aſſembly. Pſ. cxi. i, Iſa. lxvi. 23. Eph. iii. 12.

1 APPROACH'D before th' ALMIGHTY'S throne,
May ſolemn fear our hearts poſſeſs,
And true delight; that each may own,
While awful, lovely is the place.

2 Our hands no cull'd oblations bring,
Such off'rings not requir'd to bear;
But let us though unworthy ſing
Thy praiſe, and in pure worſhip ſhare.

3 While we bewail, with contrite mind,
That we have wander'd from thy fold,
Been to conſummate beauty blind,
To things of higheſt value cold:

4 May we the wonders of thy name,
And glories of thy truth admire;
Feeling a ſpark of heav'nly flame
Kindle in each ſincere deſire:

5 In truth behold thy ſmiling face,
That radiant makes the ſacred page,
Charm'd with the luſtre of thy grace,
That loſes nought from age to age:

6 Survey in thy beloved Son
Light, truth, and glorious grace combin'd;
The way of all his precepts run,
And perfect reſt he promiſ'd find.

HYMN VI. S. M.

Confidence in God profeſſed. Pſ. cxviii. 8, 9.

1 ADORED be thy name,
Great all-diſpoſing GOD;
From thee at firſt exiſtence came,
And waits thy ſov'reign nod.

2 Thanks to thy holy will,
For all things we enjoy;
Thy bounty flows a conſtant rill,
And never tends to cloy.

3 Though ſorrows ſharp, and ſtrong,
Our feeble hearts invade;
May we attune the cheerful ſong,
Bleſt with thy mighty aid.

4 When foes our peace purſue,
Thy ſmiling favour lend;
And, like the ſoft diſtilling dew,
Let heav'nly good deſcend.

5 If in the toilſome field
The darts of death aſſail;
Thine is the pow'r, Almighty Shield!
No force can countervail.

6 Depending on thy grace,
That gilds the ſacred word;
We ſtill purſue the heav'nly race,
To triumph in the LORD.

HYMN VII. L. M.

God our great Defender. Pſ. xviii. 1—3.

1 ALMIGHTY GOD! whom angels love,
Thy pow'r the rock no ſtorms can move,

Thy hand can needed help confer,
Great Fortreſs, and Deliverer.

2 Not leſs thy mercy than thy might,
Thy goodneſs like thy glory bright,
No fleſh can claim thy leaſt reward,
Yet none too low for thy regard.

3 Thou Refuge tried, and Guardian juſt,
Our GOD in whom we humbly truſt,
Strong Tow'r of ſure defence moſt high,
The Horn of bleſt ſalvation nigh.

4 Moſt worthy of our ſtedfaſt faith,
Thy due our praiſe, and praying breath;
May never ſin our hearts enſlave,
But with thy mighty mercy ſave.

5 To daily prav'r may grace attend;
In adverſe times appear our friend;
Let heav'nly light our ſteps ſurround,
And thankfulneſs ſincere abound.

HYMN VIII. L. M.

The divine preſence and bleſſing earneſtly ſought in the Sanctuary. Pſ. xlii.

1 AS pants the hunted hart to find
The water-brook, his thirſt to cool,
When hard beſet; ſo pants my mind
For GOD the comfort of my ſoul.

2 By thirſt impeli'd, I ſeek thy home;
In abſence falls the grieving tear;
When ſhall I to thy dwelling come,
Before thy ſhining face appear.

3 Oft have I to thy houſe repair'd,
Glad with the praiſe of thine abode;

But bitter ſorrows ſince have ſhar'd,
While foes exclaim'd, 'Where is thy God?'

4 Rememb'rance of the ſweet I bear,
Why as forgotten thus I mourn?
Am I rejected from thy care,
Will never happy hours return?

5 Why ſo diſquieted my heart?
Let me to hope and weal advance:
Wilt thou not gracious light impart,
The favour of thy countenance?

6 Yes, in the LORD I will rejoice,
His love commands my daily praiſe:
And nights ſhall hear my praying voice
To GOD the glory of my days.

HYMN IX. S. M.

Man's ſecurity in the favour of God. Pſ. cxxi.

1 ALL help is from the LORD,
Whoſe wiſdom never ſleeps;
Who form'd all nature by his word,
And Iſrael ſafely keeps.

2 His wing a refuge ſure
For all that know his name;
Their hope his goodneſs will ſecure,
And ſhade their feeble frame.

3 All pow'r can he diſplay
For the defence of men;
As Daniel with his angel lay
Safe in the lions den.

4 The ſun can never ſmite
With fiercely ſcorching beam,

Nor ſhall a ſickly moon by night,
The ſouls preſerv'd by him.

5 Beneath his care they go,
And ſafely ſhall return;
Happy are they this GUARDIAN know,
And his high praiſes learn.

HYMN X.

God the everlaſting Portion and Defence of them who truſt in him. Pſ. cxxv.

1 ALL kindreds that will truſt the LORD
Shall like the hill of Zion ſtand;
Securely reſting on his word,
Eſtabliſh'd by his faithful hand.

2 As mountains near old Salem's ground
For bulwarks form'd a ſtately curve,
His glorious pow'r will them ſurround,
In tender mercy to preſerve.

3 Not merely for a tranſient day,
Nor even for a lengthen'd age,
Will God his mighty pow'r diſplay;
Or promiſe of his truth engage.

4 His wiſdom all things can controul
For good, their wond'ring eyes ſhall ſee;
And long as endleſs ages roll,
Will God their bleſſed portion be.

HYMN XI. C. M.

The Fall. Gen. iii.

1 ADAM was plac'd in innocence,
Where richeſt fruits were found;

From cares exempt, and all offence,
On Eden's happy ground.

2 A fed'ral head on terms he ſtood,
Forewarn'd by wiſdom's voice
Of ruin, if forbidden food
Should be his evil choice.

3 Sin prov'd his bane, allur'd by Eve,
The ſerpent had beguil'd,
He ate the fruit; was forc'd to leave
The garden ſore defil'd.

4 His fall inflicted conſcious ſhame,
To wearing pains of toil,
And ſorrow ſubject man became,
Upon a thorny ſoil.

5 Obſcur'd by ſin his Maker's ſmiles,
He mourn'd the heir of death;
His race this tyrant hence deſpoils,
And mortal is our breath.

6 But grace ordain'd the woman's ſeed
To cruſh the ſerpent's head;
And, though his bruiſed heel ſhould bleed,
To raiſe us from the dead.

HYMN XII. C. M.

Paul's miraculous cure of a Cripple at Lyſtra.
Acts xiv. 8—10.

1 AT Lyſtra Paul with pow'r complete
Survey'd the man that creep'd,
And thus addreſs'd, 'Stand on thy feet,'
When inſtantly he leap'd.

2 All people with amazement view'd
The miracle diſplay'd;
Th' apoſtles deities conclude,
In human form array'd.

3 Oxen, in ignorant ſurpriſe,
With pagan rites adorn'd,
Some brought for off'ring ſacrifice:
Homage they nobly ſcorn'd.

4 Then Paul and Barnabas exclaim,
'We of like paſſions are,
'Nor ſeek to elevate our fame;
'From vanities forbear.

5 'To th' all-creating living GOD
'Direct your grateful eyes;
'Whoſe providence gives daily food,
'And ev'ry want ſupplies.'

HYMN XIII. L. M.

Avarice and Senſuality. Luke xii. 16—21.

1 ABUNDANCE is the anxious thought
Of many through life's ſhort career;
When gain'd what ſanguine wiſhes ſought,
Diminiſh'd oft their joys appear.

2 But though ſome pleaſures ſeem advanc'd,
And cares of riches fail to cloy;
Yet (ſordid treaſures moſt enhanc'd)
Here life conſiſts not, brief 's the joy.

3 'I 'll build new barns,' the worldling ſays,
Rapt in the gains amaſs'd from earth;
'I 'll bid my ſoul take ſofteſt eaſe,
'And in high pleaſure yield to mirth.'

4 But ſoon is folly's progreſs ſtay'd,
Death checks his aim, nor heeds his ſtore,
Whoſe edict muſt be ſoon obey'd,
Ah! wretched fool, to heav'n how poor!

5 In us be quench'd mean anxious fire,
Lifted our minds above the ſod;
Of hope poſſeſs'd, and pure deſire,
And rich in piety to GOD.

HYMN XIV. C. M.

Comfort of a good Conſcience under Calumny. Acts xxiv. 16. 2 Cor. i. 12. 1 Pet. iii. 16.

1 ADORN'D with peace in calm retreat,
And bleſt with humble joy,
Are they who for ſalvation wait,
No weapons can deſtroy.

2 What though oblig'd for truth to take
The gall from ſlander's tongue?
Harmleſs the bitter potion make
What hopes to peace belong.

3 Ev'n though proud perſecution's pow'r
Aſſault with demon-rage,
And ev'ry tender feeling gore;
Still hope is heritage.

4 The conſcious mind may ſmile on pain,
Deem ſmall what others judge;
Hard preſſure patiently ſuſtain,
And ſcorn a ſubterfuge.

5 Its virtue form'd all things t' endure,
Faith generates the ſenſe;
Nor is its triumph premature
In the great recompence.

HYMN XV.

The morning greeted with thankful joy. Pſ. v. 3.

1 AWAK'D from the ſlumbers of night,
New viſion ſalutes the fair morn,
Partakes of the beautiful light,
Whoſe ſplendours creation adorn.

2 All orders, in honour of GOD,
Rejoice at return of the rays;
The herds and the flocks in their mode,
And the groves in ſweet muſic, give praiſe.

3 For ſervice all nature grows warm;
Let me too rejoice in the day,
With pleaſure of reaſon perform
The taſk that 's allotted to me.

4 To GOD, who preſerv'd and reſtor'd,
Be tributes of gratitude giv'n;
May goodneſs his bleſſing afford,
To hope for the morning of heav'n.

HYMN XVI. L. M.

The day of Chriſt. Iſ. xlix. 6.

1 ALL hail MESSIAH'S glorious day!
Whoſe glimm'rings were by prophets ſeen,
Like morning's uſh'ring twilight ray,
Now purely bright, and all ſerene.

2 Gentiles that long o'erſhadow'd lay,
Their faireſt hopes in gloomy ſtate,
Behold his light in mild diſplay,
And feel with joy his beaming heat.

3 Healing's beneath his ſpreading wing,
And all the good that mortals need;

His beams the higheſt wiſdom bring,
And to immortal glory lead.

4 O'er all the world his light ſhall ſpread,
And ſhades of darkneſs drive away;
The joy of heav'nly bleſſings ſhed,
In ev'ry valley kindling day.

HYMN XVII.

Creation. Gen. i.

BEGINNING time, made GOD the heav'ns & earth
From darkneſs void, confus'd at inſtant birth;
Whoſe ſpirit brooded o'er the deep repoſe,
And ſaid, '*Let there be* LIGHT,' and light aroſe.

Divinely good he ſaw the ſtreaming light,
Dividing fulgent day from pitchy night;
For parting watry elements, 'Be there
Th' expanſive firmament, and ambient air.'

He ocean gather'd in th' appointed bed,
Meted dry land, with fertile mould beſpread;
Bade graſs and corn, herbs, ſhrubs and trees to grow
Seed yielding for increaſe, and times to know.

Seaſons to mark, and meaſure out the years,
Adorn'd with lights the firmament appears;
A glorious orb ordain'd to rule the day,
To charm the night, a moon with ſilver ray.

Earth's kindled tribes, with heat diffuſing warm'd,
Of living things his mighty pleaſure form'd;
To ſtay or creep, to walk or ſwim or fly,
With right to live, and pow'r to multiply.

'Him let us make, ſhall wide dominion gain,'
To th' heav'ns he ſpake, and ſtraight created man,

In his own image bright; to whom impearl'd
With reaſon's ſway, he gave the pleniſh'd world.

HYMN XVIII. L. M.

The excellency of God, and his favour to man. Pſ. viii.

1 BLESS'D be JEHOVAH'S ſacred name,
How excellent through all the earth!
Above the heav'ns, thy glorious fame
Shines with the moſt attractive worth.

2 When thy beſpangled ſkies we view,
Sun, moon and ſtars, thy fingers made;
Contemplate what thy pow'r will do,
Of goodneſs all thy works perſuade.

3 For ever void of painful care,
Supreme in glory bright above:
Lord what is man, that he ſhould ſhare
The viſits of thy mindful love!

4 Free to thy creature gifts abound,
Allow'd thy wiſdom's light to ſee;
With honour deck'd, and favour crown'd,
Like angels, though of leſs degree.

5 Large the dominion thou haſt giv'n,
Tam'd animals crouch at his ſeat;
All pow'r's productions under heav'n,
Thy hand hath put beneath his feet.

6 With ſkilful ſpeech his feeble tongue
Is bleſt, thy wonders to proclaim:
O! be our daily grateful ſong,
The praiſe of thy tranſcendent name.

HYMN XIX. C. M.

A humble appeal to divine Mercy. Ps. lxxxvi.

1 BOW down GREAT GOD thy gracious ear,
Be merciful to me;
Kindly receive thy servant's pray'r,
Who humbly trusts in thee.

2 Needy in thought I lift my voice,
And daily blessing crave;
O make my feeble heart rejoice,
In thy good will to save.

3 Free to forgive, thy grace divine,
And truth can never fall;
Plenteous and bright, compassions shine
To all that on thee call.

4 Among the pow'rs no equal right,
Nor works like thine are known;
Most great and marvellous thy might,
For thou art GOD alone.

5 The minds of all thine eyes pervade,
Their homage is thy claim;
And all the nations thou hast made
Shall glorify thy name.

6 Teach me thy truth the blessed way,
Unite my heart to fear,
Some token of thy love display,
And render mercy dear.

HYMN XX. L. M.

Blessed be God. Ps. lxviii. 35.

1 BLESSED be GOD! whose perfect love
To praise should warm affections move;

Let all our pow'rs combine to bleſs
The ſource of truth, and holineſs.

Bleſs'd be JEHOVAH'S ſacred name!
From endleſs age his mind the ſame;
All things his preſent eyes diſcern,
Divine perfections never turn.

Bleſs'd be the LORD for all he made;
From th' orient ſun to the graſs blade,
Proofs of intelligence appear;
And kind deſigns ſeen everywhere!

Bleſs'd be his all-wiſe PROVIDENCE,
That kindly rules our dark ſuſpenſe;
When danger threatens, ſtands between,
Not ev'n a ſparrow falls unſeen.

Bleſs'd be the FATHER of all light,
In mercy as in glory bright;
He raiſed Jeſus from the dead,
Whoſe truth hath richeſt bleſſings ſhed.

The LORD who all our frailty knows,
Whoſe pow'r all goodneſs now beſtows,
Will us redeem from mortal ſhame,
To bleſs in heav'n his glorious name.

HYMN XXI. S. M.

Divine Compaſſion. Lam. iii. 22—34.

BY MERCY, all my weal,
Is ev'ry gift perfum'd;
Becauſe compaſſions never fail,
My hope is not conſum'd.

2 More conſtant than the dew,
Beyond conception great;
And ev'ry morning bleſſings new
His faithfulneſs repeat.

3 My ſpirit will proclaim
The LORD my portion is;
In darkeſt ſcenes I 'll truſt in him,
Who all my frailty ſees.

4 The Lord is good to all,
That wait upon his care:
No penitent in vain ſhall call,
Or vex his gracious ear.

5 Not with a willing mind,
Nor in revengeful heat,
Doth God his mourning children bind,
To cruſh beneath his feet.

6 He hates to put away;
And though he cauſeth grief,
Compaſſion will not long delay,
To bring a kind relief.

HYMN XXII. S. M.

Proſperity requeſted. Pſ. cxliv.

1 BOW down thy heav'ns O LORD
Let us thy glory ſee;
Send from above thy mighty word,
And grant proſperity.

2 Thou canſt the low uplift,
Turn deepeſt gloom to light;
And make ſome unexpected gift
Strike the aſtoniſh'd ſight.

Be all our garners full,
Affording ev'ry ſtore;
Let not our flocks and herds be null,
With plenty bleſs the poor.

Viſit each family,
With favour crown our ſons;
And let our daughters' virtues be,
Like poliſh'd corner ſtones.

Happy the men that thrive,
Yea, bleſſed is their fame,
Whoſe ſpirits to thy truth alive,
Delight to bleſs thy name.

HYMN XXIII. L. M.

The Beatitudes. Matt. v. 3—12. Luke vi. 20—23.

BLEST are the meek and lowly poor,
Whoſe ſpirits are averſe from ſin;
And keep the tender conſcience clean:
Treaſures of good are theirs in ſtore.

Bleſt are the men of contrite heart,
Who mourn with penitence ſincere,
Mindful of GOD with filial fear;
In promiſ'd good they bear a part.

Bleſt are the ſouls whoſe warm deſire,
Like nature's craving ſeeks redreſs,
Devoted to pure righteouſneſs;
They ſhall be fill'd, and more aſpire.

Bleſt are the merciful whoſe word,
And action, flow from clemency;
Evincing hearts of purity:
They ſhall with gladneſs ſee the Lord.

5 Bleſt are the minds who cheriſh peace,
Who dread the guilt and blood of war;
And ev'ry ſcene of ſtrife abhor:
The choſen heirs of bleſſedneſs.

6 All faithful ſufferers are bleſt;
Although from earthly good debarr'd,
Heav'n's kingdom is their high reward;
Their peaceful everlaſting reſt.

HYMN XXIV. S. M.

The righteous man. Pſ. i.

1 BLEST is the pious man,
Who hates ungodly ways;
Whoſe aims adopt the righteous plan,
That well employs his days.

2 His ſoul abhors to join
The ſcorner in his ſeat;
And grieves when wanton foes combine
The truth in jeſt to treat.

3 God's ſtatutes pure and wiſe,
And promiſes delight;
By day the pleaſure of his eyes,
The muſings of the night.

4 He, like a thriving tree,
Beſide the gentle ſtream,
Shall flouriſh, and his branches be
Of fair and ſpreading fame.

5 But vain revolting minds
In vanity are toſſ'd;
Like airy chaff in ſtormy winds,
To true enjoyment loſt.

When righteous hope ſhall greet
The day of grand aſſize;
Scenes, worſe than death itſelf, ſhall meet
The wicked with ſurpriſe.

HYMN XXV. C. M.

Behold th Man. John xix. 5.

'BEHOLD *the man*' in purple clad,
Sore travailing in pain,
Said Pilate to the Jews ſo mad,
To ſpurn him with diſdain.

BEHOLD him ſuperſcrib'd a king,'
When bleeding on the croſs;
While bitter foes againſt him fling
Reproaches, to their loſs.

BEHOLD him from the grave releas'd,
When pow'r diſſolv'd its bars;
Diſciples hail'd the welcome gueſt,
And view'd the recent ſcars.

BEHOLD him to high heav'n aſcend!
The firſt fruit from the dead!
Beſide the throne a living friend,
Where honour crowns his head!

BEHOLD *the man* the heav'ns proclaim,
A judge in glory dreſt!
Down coming in JEHOVAH's name
By all pronounced bleſt.

May I with joy *behold the man*,
My ſaviour, and my king;
And ſhouting ſhare the pow'r that can
To endleſs glory bring!

HYMN XXVI. S. M.

The burning Buſh. Ex. iii. Acts vii. 30.

1 BRIGHT in the Midian buſh,
The ſymbol-angel ſhone;
Inciting Moſes to behold
A ſacred flame unknown.

2 Though long endur'd the flame,
The buſh remain'd entire;
There heav'n's good will in radiance dwelt,
An unconſuming fire.

3 Moſt hallow'd the near ground,
And bar'd the prophet's feet;
With rev'rend awe his viſage veil'd,
Before th' all-dazzling ſeat.

4 From the o'erpouring light,
As ſilently he trod;
A wondrous ſolemn voice proclaim'd,
'*I am thy fathers'* GOD!

5 '*Egypt* my people grieves,
'TO ME their ſuff'rings groan;
'*Iſrael* by thee will I redeem,
'I AM *thy* GOD *alone.*'

6 Now by th' anointed ſon,
Our GOD from ſin redeems;
Glory ſurrounds his gracious truth,
That undecaying beams.

HYMN XXVII. L. M.

The right and duty of examining the ſcriptures to know the chriſtian truth. Acts xvii. 11, 12. Luke xii. 57. John v. 39.

BLEST with the glorious privilege
Of holding truth the ſacred pledge;
True wiſdom dictates care to ſearch
This charter of the chriſtian church.

With noble mind *Bereans* ſought,
And to this teſt all doctrines brought;
With prophecies of old declar'd,
Comparing new opinions heard.

Their teachers, of no truth aſham'd,
Dominion over faith diſclaim'd;
Counſel'd for evidence t' enquire,
And doctrines prov'd, alone t' admire.

So GOD's great witneſs, full of light,
Mankind beſought to judge of right;
With zeal wiſe efforts to combine,
Where duty and advantage join.

The counſel ſtill of our high lord,
To ſearch and know the ſacred word;
Whoſe tidings hopes of life ſupply,
And of his miſſion teſtify.

HYMN XXVIII. C. M.

Peter impriſoned for the cauſe of chriſtian truth.
Acts xii. 4—17.

BETWEEN two ſoldiers, bound in chains,
Where guards the dungeon kept,
Expecting martyrdom's ſore pains;
Peter ſerenely ſlept.

GOD view'd the pris'ner, and deſign'd
Releaſe from his dark cell;
Lo! midſt the gloom an angel ſhin'd,
And off his fetters fell.

3 It ſeem'd a viſion; but the voice
'*Quickly ariſe*,' was heard;
'Bind on thy ſandals, and rejoice,
'Thy loins ſhall mercy gird.'

4 He follow'd ſtraight his heav'nly guide,
Ope burſt the maſſy gate!
In ſpreading truth again employ'd,
Free from his captive ſtate.

5 The mightieſt bars of hoſtile force
Can heav'nly pow'r divide:
Thus proſper'd was the goſpel's courſe,
That grew and multiplied.

HYMN XXIX. L. M.

Juſtice. Zech. vii. 9, 10.

1 BRIGHT in its courſe ſheer juſtice ſhines,
Yielding to all their righteous due;
Firſt to the LORD, ſincere deſigns,
Affections pure, and duties true.

2 Then to the neighbours, all mankind,
Pays what is ow'd, a kind defence
Of right and name, with noble mind,
And aids of ſweet benevolence.

3 Self, juſtice guards with cogent claim,
Forbids the leaſt injurious harm;
Demands to ſhun polluted ſhame,
And virtues perſonal perform.

4 The ſpeechleſs animals have rights,
Man's kind protection ought to ſhare;
Hard wrong 'gainſt reaſon's AUTHOR fights,
And can no true enjoyment bear.

Juſtice divine ſupremely bright,
Man's model, with high love endued,
In penal pow'r takes no delight;
Nor more corrects than tends to good.

HYMN XXX. S. M.

The Divine Love. 1. John iii. 1—3.

BEHOLD what mode of love,
Great WISDOM hath beſtow'd,
For making heirs to joy above,
The once-eſtrang'd from God!

Now waiting ſons of hope,
Children of heav'nly light;
Though yet unknown the marv'lous ſcope
Of future glory bright.

When Jeſus ſhall appear,
T' accompliſh God's decrees,
We ſhall a fair reſemblance bear,
And ſee him as he is.

Let hope the heart ſecure
To purity inclin'd;
The FATHER of all light is pure,
All holineſs his mind.

HYMN XXXI. C. M.

Chriſtian virtues. 2 Pet. i. 6.

BE ours the faith that's pure and true,
Striving with diligence,
The nobleſt virtuous deeds to do,
Without a vain pretence.

2 To virtue adding knowledge ſound,
From ſacred truth deriv'd;
Whoſe meaning hopes in peace abound,
With heav'nly joy reviv'd.

3 Joining to knowledge temperance,
O'er appetites to reign;
The moral character t' advance,
Above each vicious ſtain.

4 To temperance a patient mind,
The ills of life to bear;
To patience, godlineſs refin'd,
Tranſcending ſordid care.

5 With godlineſs be kindneſs ſeen.
Combin'd, devoid of leav'n:
And ſuperadded love ſerene,
The bleſſed breath of heav'n.

HYMN XXXII. L. M.

Falſe Pride, or Belſhazzar's feaſt and ruin. Dan. v.

1 BELSHAZZAR at the royal feaſt,
With temple-gold, and thouſand lords;
Trembling beheld with troubled breaſt,
Upon the wall dark written words.

2 When *magi* fail'd to read their ſenſe
Thus *Daniel*, 'To thy ſire was giv'n
'A throne—but for high pride's offence,
'Depos'd—and wet with dew of heav'n.

3 'Number'd, and finiſh'd is thy reign—
'Weigh'd in the balance—wanting found—
'Thy kingdom great is rent in twain—
'And aliens ſhall poſſeſs the ground.'

In that ſame night *Caldea's* king
Fell a pale victim to the ſword:
Whoe'er their pride againſt heav'n fling,
Muſt periſh by his awful word.

HYMN XXXIII.

Boaſting. James iv. 16.

BOASTING is ill-becoming man;
A little breathing clay,
Moulded but yeſterday;
The meaſure of his life a ſpan!

Vainly extent of wiſdom vaunts;
By angels ſeen below,
Who own they nothing know,
Compar'd with HIM whom pride affronts.

Vaunting what efforts he can dare;
And yet in pow'r excell'd
By tenants of the field;
Outſtripp'd by birds that wing the air.

Conceiting beauties all outvie,
And proud in raiment gay;
Though in his beſt array,
Exceeded by the ſummer fly.

The crown, how fallen from his head!
Imbued in guilty ſteam,
His fineſt gold how dim!
Ah! ſentenc'd ſhortly to the dead!

Boaſting with right can ne'er agree;
Loſt is the noble mind,
If reaſon cannot find
True honour in humility.

HYMN XXXIV. C. M.

The fullneſs of divine pardon. Iſ. xliii. 25. and xliv. 22.

1 BY cov'ring with the thickeſt veil,
Of dark oblivion,
The ſin deplor'd will GRACE conceal
As never to be known.

2 Yea, blotting ALL transgreſſions out,
As buried in the ſea;
Or, with a guſhing water-ſpout,
To waſh them clean away;

3 MERCY deſigns the bleſſed ſhare
Of ev'ry contrite mind;
As heavy clouds, diſpers'd in air,
No more to be rejoin'd.

4 May we ſin's odious guilt diſcern,
And o'er pollution wail;
To rich delight COMPASSION learn,
Whoſe pardons never fail.

5 And may deſires with truth agree,
Cheriſh'd by holy love;
While incens'd deeds of ſanctity
True penitence approve.

HYMN XXXV. C. M.

The Levites' confeſſion, or God magnified in praiſe for his mercies. Neh. ix.

1 CENTRED in GOD be all our praiſe,
Whom mightieſt deeds proclaim;
Though equal tributes none can raiſe
To thy moſt glorious name.

2 The heav'n of heav'ns displays thy throne,
Created by thy pow'r;
There hosts confess thee LORD alone,
And in high praise adore.

3 Earth, with its tribes that tread the ground,
The sea, and all therein;
And air, with flying tenants round,
Preserv'd by thee have been.

4 To *Abr'ham*, chosen by thy will,
Was giv'n thy covenant;
Thy favour righteous to fulfil,
And *Canaan*'s land the grant.

5 By thee redeem'd, his bondag'd seed
To wondrous triumph went;
Supplied with bread of heav'n to feed,
Thy nightly bounty sent.

6 Thy pillar, constantly in sight,
Was form'd their guide and shield;
And Sinai's mount, in glory bright,
Thy sacred will reveal'd.

7 Sinning, they saw thee frowning look,
But still to anger slow;
Compassion, that ne'er quite forsook,
Made woes to blessings grow.

8 Still thou art GOD most great and good,
Thy mercy still the same!
From thee comes all our daily food;
Most blessed be thy name!

HYMN XXXVI. L. M.

Revelation of Divine Truth. Jer. xxxiii. 6.

1 CAN nature like thy word, O GOD!
In wiſdom pure the mind inſtruct;
Or viſionary themes conduct,
Like truth to thy divine abode.

2 Thy faithful ſon on earth convey'd
The precepts of thy pleaſure pure;
With ev'ry gracious overture,
Delighting more, as more obey'd.

3 Thy doctrine is ſupremely good,
Eſteem'd, when cordially embrac'd,
Like honey grateful to the taſte,
And nouriſhing as manna-food.

4 Aſſurances of heav'nly truth,
Supporting aid and ſtrength engage;
And e'en beſtow on feeble age,
The cheerful vigour of the youth.

5 Compos'd in peace may be the mind,
Poſſeſs'd of love, and ſacred ſkill,
To realize thy holy will;
And taſte enjoyment moſt refin'd.

6 Believing hope has ſtrongeſt ſight;
It looks above pavilions frail,
Surveys a ſtate beyond the veil,
In realms of everlaſting light.

HYMN XXXVII. C. M.

Infinite ſupremacy, and glorious perfections of the divine Being. Job ix.

1 CAN man with GOD moſt pure be juſt,
If HE ſhould once contend?

No anſwer for deep guilt produc'd,
Could from high wrath defend.

The glories of the heav'ns on high,
His mighty will deſign'd;
The conſtellations of the ſky,
And chambers of the wind.

Moſt wiſe in heart, in pow'r moſt ſtrong,
HE mountains far removes;
All things to his controul belong,
And nothing from him roves.

At his command earth trembling lies,
His word the ſea debars;
The beaming ſun forbids to riſe,
In umbrage ſeals the ſtars.

Paſt finding out his grand diſplay,
Of wonders ſpread abroad;
None hinders when HE takes away,
And none can challenge GOD.

The ſtubborn ſtoop, and vanquiſh'd fall,
Who proudly diſobey;
If righteous, to my GOD I 'd call,
And for his favour pray.

HYMN XXXVIII. C. M.

Spiritual hope obſcured and brightened. Pſ. xxxi.

COULD I my GOD thy favour find,
How firm would be my prop!
Known in the ſelf-approving mind,
And felt in lively hope.

Left by thy preſence deſtitute,
All things have baſe alloy;

Corroſive cares the heart pollute,
And tarniſh ev'ry joy.

3 Thy frowns inflict the fears of death,
Put hope at woeful ebb;
Thy ſmile can make the barren heath
Become a verdant glebe:

4 Can hope reſtore, though nearly ſpent,
From dark debaſing fear;
Each thought allure to calm content,
And animating cheer:

5 Can ſcatter all the gloomy ſhade,
That form'd the diſmal night;
And ſhow the day that cannot fade,
Compos'd of heav'nly light.

6 Could I but to thy truth appeal,
My GOD, with perfect truſt,
No more ſhould cares my comfort ſteal,
Nor grovel in the duſt.

HYMN XXXIX. L. M.

Morning Hymn. Pſ. lix. 16.

1 CAUS'D is the day, ALMIGHTY GOD,
Thy goodneſs wing'd its dawning hour;
The precious light, diffus'd abroad,
Is ſhining of thy bounteous pow'r.

2 When helpleſs, loſt to each affair,
Involv'd in darkneſs deep aſleep;
Regarded ſtill by watchful care,
Thy hand outſtretch'd my life to keep.

3 Spar'd to behold the light's return,
Each talent to thy will I give;

Employ'd be this my chief concern,
With GOD in amity to live.

What may ariſe of joy, or ſtrife,
Peril or peace, to thee is known;
Whether this frail depending life
Shall vaniſh, ere the day be gone.

Aid me in each perplexing toil,
Securely let my hope confide;
My bleſſed lot thy favour's ſmile,
To guard my path, my ſteps to guide.

Let me ſurvey with mind ſerene,
Rich tokens of thy tender love;
May its pure light, whate'er the ſcene,
Preſage the brighter day above.

HYMN XL. L. M.

Evening Hymn. Pſ. lxv. 8.

CLOS'D is the day, with goodneſs crown'd,
Through all its minutes largely ſhar'd;
Rich bleſſings ſtill my ſtate ſurround,
A monument of MERCY ſpar'd.

Some all its hours have groan'd in pain,
Upbraiding time with moving ſlow;
And ſtill are wiſhing, though in vain,
Releaſe from ſorrow's bands to know.

Some who beheld the morning ſun,
Delighted with its cheering rays,
Suſpecting not life's ſands were run,
Have clos'd in ſolemn death their days.

What unknown dangers near me gap'd,
That might my feeble frame deſtroy,

By kindneſs led have I eſcap'd;
And praiſe ſhall ſpeak my grateful joy.

5 Each frailty's dark contracted ſpot,
Alas! too many I recal,
Let pard'ning love from mem'ry blot;
And from thee never let me fall.

6 Whelm'd in the ſhades of ſilent night,
The riſing beams may not be mine:
Still Lord I 'm preſent to thy ſight,
Let me in life or death be thine.

HYMN XLI. S. M.

Chriſt the true vine and his diſciples the branches.
John xv. 1—10.

1 CHRIST is the living vine,
His friends the branches are;
Whoſe tendrils round his love entwine,
Its ſtrong ſupport to ſhare.

2 Except in truth they ſtay,
Devoid of real uſe;
As boughs divided from the tree,
Can never fruit produce.

3 All that abide in him,
To his pure doctrine cleave,
Will GOD the fruitful branches deem,
And mercy never leave.

4 Such will his bleſſing train,
Increaſing fruit to bear;
But uſeleſs branches that remain,
The pruner ſcorns to ſpare.

Then GOD is glorified,
When in the vine-tree's root,
Like true diſciples we abide;
And yield adorning fruit.

HYMN XLII. C. M.

Goſpel Invitations. Iſ. lv. 1. Matt. xi. 28. Luke xix. 10. John vii. 37. Rev. xxii. 17.

1 'COME lab'ring minds for happy reſt,'
The gracious ſaviour cries;
'Though with a heavy-laden breaſt,
'And downcaſt weeping eyes.'

2 If loſt and famiſhing with grief,
Or wand'ring ſore and blind;
His bread and balm will give relief,
He came the loſt to find.

3 Yea, all that feel a craving thirſt;
May drink the living ſtream;
And hear ſuperior good rehears'd,
In a delightful theme.

4 The ſpirit and the bride unite
In the perſuaſive call;
They promiſe water of delight,
Rich plenitude for all.

5 Divinely bleſt are they who know
Th' inviting joyful ſound;
GOD's countenance will light beſtow,
And with mild beams ſurround.

6 All that of Chriſt true meekneſs learn,
Shall peace conſoling find;
And hope illumin'd ſhall diſcern
The perfect reſt deſign'd.

HYMN XLIII. C. M.

Jesus in the storm. Matt. viii. 24.

1 CALMLY embark'd our saviour lay,
Taking sweet rest in sleep;
When great the tempest on the sea,
Shaking the mighty deep.

2 Awak'd by those who felt dismay,
At each o'erwhelming wave;
His pity rose without delay,
And answer'd cries to save.

3 '*Why are ye fearful,*' he replied,
'*O ye of little faith?*'
Then hush'd the gale, the tempest died,
Astonish'd at his breath!

4 Nor less surpris'd disciples stood,
In long admiring pause!
What other man could calm the flood,
And govern nature's laws!

5 'Twas pow'r divine, in GOD's delight,
With such bright wonders shone;
Admiring praise his deeds excite,
Except the heart be stone!

HYMN XLIV. S. M.

Powerful motives to love and duty in the suffering and death of Christ. Heb. ix. 13, 14.

1 COULD Jesus bleed for truth?
Such fervent zeal pursue,
As could embrace the pains of death,
To prove his doctrine true?

Kindled of GOD his love;
By him was Jeſus giv'n,
And mercy freely teſtified,
To fix our thoughts on heav'n.

3 If e'en the blood of beaſts,
For ſacrifices ſlain;
Once influ'nce had in urging men
From evil to abſtain;

4 How much ſhould this impreſs
Reflections of the heart;
That e'en the ſon of God's delight
Endur'd ſevereſt ſmart!

5 That for our higheſt good,
He bitter ſuff'rings choſe;
From ſin's hard bondage to redeem,
And all its dreadful woes!

6 May motives thus ſupplied,
All aims, and efforts ſway;
And reconcile our hearts to GOD,
His holy will t' obey.

HYMN XLV. C. M.

The fortitude of Moſes, or Reproach for Chriſt greater riches than the treaſures of Sin. Heb. xi. 25.

1 CERTAIN is faith its influ'nce pure,
Where truly it abides;
In hope its living pow'rs endure,
When love of life ſubſides.

2 Led by a firm belief in GOD,
Moſes, preſerv'd with care,
Could nobly quit a court's abode,
And high diſpleaſure dare.

3 Iſrael's afflicted lot to join,
His humble mind preferr'd,
To baſking in the royal ſhine,
Where ſplendid vice appear'd.

4 Sin, deck'd in all its gaudy pride,
Could yield no pleaſure chaſte;
Its vot'ries never ſatisfied,
Its joys ſhort ſeaſon laſt.

6 Reproach for Chriſt he wiſely deem'd
Riches of higher worth,
Than all the treaſures *Egypt* claim'd;
Or all the wealth on earth.

6 Reſpect he had to grandeur's end,
And his ſure recompence;
Endur'd as ſeeing his great Friend,
Th' inviſible defence.

HYMN XLVI. L. M.

The ſenſual mind contraſted with the ſpiritual.
Rom. viii. 5—18.

1 CARNAL and ſenſual is the man,
Whoſe aims the laws of GOD profane;
Stranger to truth that came from heav'n,
By GOD's moſt holy ſpirit giv'n.

2 Learning this truth on ſcripture ground,
His mind's no longer carnal found;
Though fleſhly cares may hope retard,
Yet ſacred things have chief regard.

3 If to the heav'nly truth we ſow,
In love and ſelf-denial grow,
Safe will its pure inſtructions lead,
To GOD we may OUR FATHER plead.

Though we in mortal bondage groan,
To him in ev'ry ſtate well known;
His pow'r that Jeſus rais'd from death,
Will quicken with immortal breath.

HYMN XLVII. C. M.

Chriſt followed with ſelf denial. Matt. xvi. 24, &c.

CHRIST is the maſter we profeſs,
As thoſe diciples did,
Summon'd allegiance pure t' expreſs,
In all his ſteps to tread.

Who follows Chriſt himſelf denies,
Aſſumes and bears his croſs;
Though dangers for his ſake ariſe,
And threaten heavy loſs.

Ev'n life compar'd with Chriſt is vain,
And poor its largeſt dole;
No profit the whole world to gain,
If loſt the precious ſoul.

All in a ſinful age aſham'd,
The ſon of man to own;
By him as judge ſhall be diſclaim'd
Wearing his glorious crown.

HYMN XLVIII. C. M.

The two ways. Matt. vii. 13, 14.

CROUDED and broad the guilty way,
To ſwift perdition leads;
There none to truth attention pay,
Each careleſs onward treads.

True virtue's ſtraight, and narrow path,
Conducts to life and joy;

Few are the ſojourners it hath,
Reſign'd to wiſe employ.

3 Thoſe trav'ling the wide beaten way,
May ſeem to walk at eaſe;
But only they that watch, and pray,
Have cauſe for joyful praiſe.

4 With ſteady pace may we purſue
The line of wiſdom's choice;
That when the thoughtleſs folly rue,
We may in peace rejoice.

HYMN XLIX. C. M.

The two Characters, or Departing from God contraſted with truſting in him. Jer. xvii. 5—8.

1 CURS'D is the man that truſts in man,
And boaſts his fleſhly arm;
From God departs, with heart profane,
Who vengeance will perform.

2 He ſhall be like the deſart heath,
Eſtrang'd to lovely good;
And mourn the parching pains of death,
In blaſted ſolitude.

3 Bleſt is the man who truſts the Lord,
Whoſe hope in God is ſtrong;
Who makes the bleſſings of his word,
The theme of joyful ſong.

4 He like the ſpreading tree is ſeen,
Of firm and water'd root;
In year of drought with vigour green,
And yielding plenteous fruit.

HYMN L. L. M.

Diligent exertion in duty. Luke xiii. 24.

1 COMMANDED as we are to ſtrive,
To enter in at the ſtrait gate;
Devoted zeal muſt be alive,
Not ſuff'ring diligence t' abate.

2 Many will ſeek with cold delay,
Not feeling their religion true;
And thoughtleſs negligence betray,
Having no proſpect fair in view.

3 When ſlothful ſeekers fail to find,
Unable to poſſeſs the prize;
All that have ſought with ardent mind,
Will to immortal honour riſe.

4 O! may we beſt exertions ply,
Before the voice proclaim '*Too late;*'
That when death's hour is drawing nigh,
We glory may anticipate.

HYMN LI. C. M.

Conſcience. Rom. ii. 15.

1 CONSCIENCE, the monitor from God,
Implanted in the breaſt,
Directs to vice a penal rod;
And hates the odious gueſt.

2 But virtuous ſentiments, and aims,
The moral ſenſe approves;
And ev'ry action well eſteems,
The Parent AUTHOR loves.

3 Its gentle whiſpers ſway the heart,
To purity inclin'd;
And commendations wiſe impart
A banquet to the mind.

4 In all rebukes a faithful friend,
Its office well rever'd;
But if to folly forc'd to bend,
Becomes in ſilence ſeer'd.

5 O! may we feel with quickeſt ſenſe,
The checks for good deſign'd;
And conſcience keep without offence,
To God and all mankind.

HYMN LII. C. M.

God's ability to raiſe the dead. Acts xxvi. 8.

1 CAN dry bones live?—Where is the pow'r
To animate decay?
The MIND that wills the dawning hour
Of the deciſive day.

2 What deed too hard for MIGHT to do,
Whoſe thoughts through nature range!
His word can eaſier hands renew,
Than hands can metals change.

3 He who endow'd with breath, and thought,
The lifeleſs ſod of earth;
Can life reſtore, with glory fraught,
By reſurrective birth.

4 Calmly may chriſtian hope defeat
Fears of corruption's doom;
And patiently pay nature's debt,
Life nobler to reſume.

HYMN LIII. S. M.

Univerſal dominion of divine Goodneſs.

1 DIVINELY great is GOD,
Moſt awful his high name;
Nature diſplays his pow'r abroad,
Eternally the ſame.

2 O'er all the land and ſea,
Is GOD the righteous King;
Whoſe mighty voice commands t' obey,
And to his honour ſing.

3 With him are terrors found,
To put his foes to ſhame;
He makes the voice of triumph ſound
The glory of his name.

4 His hand will ne'er refuſe
Supplies ſurpaſſing wants;
Determin'd his great will to chuſe
A good inheritance.

5 He ſits upon the throne
Of perfect holineſs;
And men, who have his mercy known,
With underſtanding bleſs.

6 No ſhelt'ring pow'r, or aid,
Can all the earth afford;
Nor ever was a ſhield diſplay'd
To ſave, but by the Lord.

HYMN LIV. L. M.

Thankful acknowledgements of Divine Providence in the ſeaſons and productions of Nature. Pſ. lxv.

1 DAILY O GOD thy bounties flow,
In richly emanating ſtreams;

By THEE the ſun is made to know
What time to riſe, and caſt his beams.

2 Morning and eve thy goodneſs own,
Both light and ſhade thy praiſe attune;
Thine is rejoicing of the dawn,
And thine the glory of the noon.

3 But for thy kind and conſtant care,
Earth would be like an iron maſs;
No bounteous boons its ſoil could bear,
Man's precious grain, or cattle's graſs.

4 The pond'rous clouds, borne by thy pow'r,
Like mighty ciſterns overflow;
The furrows feel th' enriching ſhow'r,
And all the nouriſh'd paſtures grow.

5 Thy PROVIDENCE that beams the morn,
And in its ſtrength creation girds;
To ripeneſs rears the ſpringing corn,
And clothes the fields with flocks and herds.

6 Each year, with bleſſing crown'd, fulfils
Thy counſel; here thy goodneſs reigns;
Thine is the ſhouting of the hills,
And thine the glory of the plains.

HYMN LV. C. M.

Human Vanity, or devotion in the depth of tribulation. Pſ. xxxix.

1 DEAR GOD of perfect light, and love,
To thee my griefs appeal;
Look down in mercy from above,
And like a FATHER deal.

Corrected pride muſt feel diſmay,
Whene'er thy mind is wroth;
Thou makeſt beauty fade away,
Conſumed like a moth.

I dare not call unjuſt the ſmart,
Thy ſtroke hath on me laid;
Yet while there's pity in thy heart,
I may that pity plead.

Make me to know my age is brief,
Spent in a foreign land;
How ſoon the golden bowl of life
Is broken by thy hand.

Teach me in patient hope to wait,
Forgive my guilty ſum;
And aid thy mercies to repeat:
O, let thy preſence come!

Come not in wrath, its lighteſt touch
Is more than I can bear;
And, if I ſhould not crave too much,
A little longer ſpare.

HYMN LVI. C. M.

The mine of Goſpel Truth. Prov. ii. 4, 5 13—15. Matt. xiii. 44—46.

DELIGHTFUL bleſſings ever rife,
Supreme, and gracious LORD
From ſacred truths that bleſs our eyes,
In thy revealed word.

Here ſhines the gift of heav'nly grace,
Bright though ſerene the rays;
Inviting moſt ſincere embrace,
The love that ne'er decays.

3 Here is the pearl of price, ſo high,
That angels might allure;
Which ſimple men are taught to buy,
And happily ſecure.

4 Here is the mine that treaſure yields,
Of moſt excelling worth;
Compar'd, how poor are natures fields,
And bowels of the earth!

5 Here would we ſearch with nobleſt zeal,
The precious ore to find:
Still may we ſeek, and never fail
To have enrich'd the mind.

HYMN LVII.

The mild luſtre of divine Mercy. Num. vi. 24–26.

1 DIVINE is the glory of GOD,
Great wonders his wiſdom hath done;
Now beams his compaſſion abroad,
In brightneſs outſhining the ſun.

2 Its viſion is light in diſmay,
And comforts the ſpirit forlorn;
Turns ſorrowful darkneſs to day,
The ſhadow of death into morn.

3 How ſweet in his promiſe to truſt,
Reflecting the rays of his love!
To know all his dealings are juſt,
Completing his purpoſe above.

4 His name we rejoice to adore,
Whoſe mercy can never decay;
The bleſſings it ſhowers are more
Than waves, that keep curling the ſea.

HYMN LVIII. C. M.

Hephzibah; or, Divine complacency in true piety.
Iſ. lxii. 4. Jer. ix. 24. Pſ. cxlvii. 11. and cxlix. 4.

1 DELIGHT 's the permanent abode
Of GOD, whoſe mind ſerene
No accidents can incommode;
Nor changes unforeſeen.

2 He pleaſure takes in all who fear
His name, and pow'r auguſt;
In humble duty perſevere,
And in his mercy truſt.

3 He knows their ſtate when feeling ſmart,
And pity ſoft abounds
Kindly to heal each broken heart;
And bind up aching wounds.

4 His faithful mercies ne'er decay,
But ev'ry need ſupply;
And in ſalvation's bright array
The meek will beautify.

HYMN LIX. L. M.

Ingratitude. Luke vi. 35. Rom. i. 21.

1 DEALT with in mercy from life's dawn,
And loaded with the bounteous ſhare;
Shall vain ſurmiſing now diſown
The bleſſings of our FATHER's care?

2 Since nothing our original,
What but free goodneſs being gave?
Beſtow'd it in earth's higheſt ſcale,
And ſav'd our childhood from the grave?

3 Was ours the providential pow'r,
That kept the organ'd frame in tone?
Commanded clouds their gifts to ſhow'r,
And bleſs'd the ſun-beams where they ſhone?

4 Was ours the ſkill t' invent the plan,
The higheſt happineſs t' enſure;
That treaſure truth which is to man
The chief of bleſſings, moſt ſecure?

5 We know the CAUSE—the GOD of light;
We feel that holy is his name:
Reaſon and conſcience well unite,
With pow'r t' enforce his righteous claim.

6 Shall we forget that GOD is good,
Beholding ſtill his pity's ſmile?
And treat him with ingratitude?
Oh! never be our hearts ſo vile!

HYMN LX.

Hezekiah's ſong on recovering from ſickneſs.
Iſ. xxxviii.

1 DOWN to the gates of the dark grave,
I ſaid my life muſt go;
In vain the reſidue I crave,
Of years forbidd'n to know:
Here ſhortly not the Lord adore,
And face of man behold no more.

2 I ſaid, Departed is mine age,
As mov'd a ſhepherd's tent;
Broken as by a lion's rage,
With daily pining ſpent.
I chatter like the crane, and rove
In mourning, as the lonely dove.

Preſerve O LORD my ſoul alive,
And grant conſoling eaſe;
By bitter things wilt thou revive,
Thy perfect will to pleaſe:
Me o'er the pit thy hand did ſhake,
To caſt my ſin behind thy back.

The grave remains a ſilent home,
Death nought can celebrate;
The living ſhall with praiſes come,
And glorious truths repeat.
GOD's ready hand to ſave I ſing,
Soaring on contemplation's wing.

HYMN LXI. L. M.

Obligations to the goſpel of Chriſt for intellectual and moral refinement. Iſ. ix. 2. John xii. 46. Acts xiii. 47. 1. Pet. i. 22.

DIM and bewilder'd were the views
Of Gentiles, till true light ſprung up;
Each phantoms moſt diſpos'd to chuſe,
Of ſordid vanities the dupe.

To truth the underſtanding ſhut,
Ere we reveal'd inſtruction find,
T' incite, and in good action put
The ſprings of the mechanic mind.

Then pow'rs, from nature we poſſeſs,
Riſe to importance; as the ſight,
Of no worth in the dark receſs,
Is of high value in the light.

Virtues, ſeen beauteous and belov'd,
Purely congenial joys impart;

Th' affections all are moſt improv'd,
By chriſtian culture of the heart.

HYMN LXII. C. M.

Chriſt the light of the world. Iſa. xlix. 6. John i. 9. 17. and xii. 36. 46.

1 DARK was the world, in ſin debas'd,
Till the bright ſun aroſe;
The MAN with heav'nly wiſdom bleſs'd,
Infinite MERCY choſe.

2 Low ſunk the ancient tribes he ſaw,
Their duty's great defect;
The weightier matters of the law
Caſt into fell neglect.

3 The nations bowing at the ſhrine,
In ſuperſtition loſt;
In vice immur'd, with thought ſupine,
Baſe vanities their boaſt.

4 With radiance pure, his beams diſplay'd
Cuſtoms degenerate;
Greedy impoſtures diſarray'd,
And horrors of their ſtate.

5 His truth from heav'n the path reveal'd
Of worſhip pure, and true;
And ſhed the grace, with life entail'd,
Moſt glorious to the view.

6 Follow may we this heav'nly light,
Expelling darkneſs-ſtrife;
Walking no more in ſhades of night
But know the joy of life.

HYMN LXIII. L. M.

Divine love to the goſpel Zion invariable, and ſtronger than the ſtrongeſt human affection. Iſ. xlix. 13—16.

1 DOTH the ſea monſter draw the breaſt,
With its ſweet milk to feed her young?
Can mothers' hearts be ſo unſtrung,
As to forget their babes careſt!

2 They may forget, with wondrous hate,
Their nature's kind endearment loſe;
But ne'er will GOD a pray'r refuſe,
Never forſake his Zion's gate.

3 Let earth with all her mountain's heav'd,
And heav'ns, now lift the joyful voice,
In ſmiling favour to rejoice;
Though Zion moan'd, and ſeem'd bereav'd.

4 The all-diſcerning eye of GOD
Looks through black clouds with brighteſt ray,
To turn their darkneſs into day,
Who in affliction kiſs'd the rod.

5 Pourtray'd in undecaying lines,
Upon each palm ſtands Zion new;
And ever preſent to his view,
The walls his faithful love defines.

HYMN LXIV. C. M.

Pardoning Mercy. Iſa. lv. 6—9.

1 DEPARTING from the living GOD,
Is cauſe of human grief;
And though reclaimed by the rod,
'Tis pity's bleſt relief.

2 All that to his inſtruction give
A wiſe obedient ear,
In placid peace ſhall ever live;
And have no woes to fear.

3 Let wicked men their ways forſake,
Unrighteous thoughts reſign;
To penitence their minds betake,
To holineſs incline.

4 The LORD will tender mercy ſhow,
And from this living ſpring,
Shall pardons moſt abundant flow,
That conſolation bring.

5 Our thoughts and ways are far beneath
The movings of his mind;
Compaſſion he delights to breathe,
A GOD, and FATHER kind.

6 High as the heav'ns ſurmount the Earth,
No boundary defines,
Richer than ſunbeam's precious worth,
His MERCY's glory ſhines.

HYMN LXV. L. M.

The horrors of the Vices. Job. iv. 8. 9. Prov. xiv. 32

1 DEFORM'D and odious ev'ry vice,
Expoſing men to fouleſt ſhame;
All evils are their guilty choice,
And each feels conſcious of the blame.

2 The ſenſual drunkards in diſguiſe
Unmann'd, their noble reaſon drown'd,
With reeling gait, and ſenſeleſs eyes,
Beneath the temp'rate beaſts are found.

The vile unchaſte, by baſe deſires
To deeds unclean polluting led,
Groſs paſſions boaſt, whoſe wanton fires
Diſeaſe and woe, and ruin, ſpread.

All that with lies, and oaths, abuſe
Their gifted tongues, or hands to ſteal,
Rich boons pervert from natures uſe;
And murder act on their own weal.

Can ſuch well proſper in their day?
Although no evils ſeem t' attend,
They flouriſh like the ſpreading bay,
GOD's ſanctuary ſhows their end.

His judgment will diſplay the lake,
That ſhall with long-liv'd fury burn;
As fire muſt droſs from metals take,
Muſt pain the vile to virtue turn.

HYMN LXVI. S. M.

The vanity of human life. Pſ. xxxix. 5.

DEATH came by woful ſin,
Surcharg'd with various pains;
And over all the human race,
With ſtrong dominion reigns.

As lighted tapers burn,
And caſt their luſtre faint,
(Unleſs extinguiſh'd by a puff)
Till all their ſubſtance ſpent;

So mortal life proceeds,
Uncertain of a day,
(If ſpar'd by ſtalking maladies)
To ſure and ſwift decay.

4 The tears of ſorrow teach
That vanity is man;
And each pulſation aſcertains
His period but a ſpan.

5 The hand of providence
Contains his fleeting breath;
And wiſdom's dictate is to truſt
The WILL ſuſpending death.

6 O may our confidence
Its happy centre find;
Where reigns a bright eternal calm,
The ever bleſſed MIND.

HYMN LXVII. C. M.

Mortality. Pſ. xc. 12.

1 DEATH's ſolemn moment comes apace,
Borne on the wings of time;
Soon we ſhall feel its cold embrace,
Though yet below the prime.

2 The ſilent grave is now the home,
Where millions, of our kind,
Are waiting to receive their doom,
Who muſt the judgment find.

3 The lovely ſcenes we now enjoy,
Shall ſhortly know no more;
Time will our kindred ties deſtroy,
Its loſſes we deplore.

4 Is this our certain deſtiny?
Muſt death our vitals chill?
Muſt the warm current frozen be;
And years our age fulfil?

Teach us O LORD our days to count,
And while of frailty ſpeak,
Of vanity to know th' amount;
And heav'nly wiſdom ſeek.

Teach us to look beyond the grave,
Bright glory there t' eſpy;
Where troubled billows never wave,
And ſaints ſhall never die.

HYMN LXVIII. L. M.

The future exiſtence. Pſ. lxxxviii. 10. 1 Theſſ. iv. 13.

DEATH's tyrant-pow'r can none reſiſt,
Dark graves of ſilence all await,
Where no remembrances exiſt:
But is there not a future ſtate?

Various the gifts that mind compoſe,
Great talents in this centre meet;
Each by its native vigour grows:
Muſt all then periſh incomplete?

Glowing with hopes that reach beyond
The frailty of this dark abode,
United with deſires moſt fond,
We ſeek the kingdom of our God:

Can theſe deſires abortive prove?
Our dear immortal hopes be vain?
Muſt fruſtrate be ſweet virtue's love,
Before it full perfection gain?

Nature's maturities are known;
Can the firſt offſpring of its Type

In likeneſs fair, be doom'd alone
To wither, droop and fall unripe?

6 How bleſt the goſpel! Here's made plain
Man's perfect ſtate—his GOD to ſee;
In Chriſt's revival we obtain
Clear views of immortality.

HYMN LXIX. L. M.

Revealed Futurity agreeable to Reaſon. 2. Tim. i. 10. Eph. i. 18, &c.

1 DELIGHTFUL thought we entertain,
That GOD hath form'd the human race,
For life beyond this, and will deign
To rear for an immortal place.

2 Nature might pant t' enjoy ſuch ſtate,
But ne'er its entrance could diſcern;
It nought perceives but mortal fate;
From revelation more we learn.

3 Chriſt's goſpel well relieves ſuſpence,
Supplants with truth blind fancy's dreams;
Standing on certain evidence,
Reaſon's approving verdict claims.

4 The right is underſtanding's choice,
E'en when with brightneſs it appals;
All truth conſiſts with reaſon's voice,
Whate'er 's irrational is falſe.

5 Our GOD is perfect reaſon's LIGHT,
Be dictates of his mind rever'd;
Illumin'd by his wiſdom bright,
May we with ſacred hope be cheer'd.

HYMN LXX. C. M.

Dedication of the heart to true Wiſdom.
Prov. xxiii. 26.

1 DOTH WISDOM teach in accents plain,
And counſel pure impart;
'Buy truth and ſell it not for gain
'My ſon give me thy heart?

2 'Let not the world's polluted joy,
'That looks with flatt'ring ſmiles,
'Warm hopes and fond deſires decoy,
'Nor folly that beguiles:

3 'Nor let the beſt affections cleave
'To any good below;
'Thoſe pleaſures often moſt deceive,
'That faireſt ſeem to blow.'

4 Oh may we not th' attentive ear
To wiſdom merely lend;
But treaſure in the heart as dear,
Advice that proves the friend.

HYMN LXXI. L. M.

Seeking God. Pſ. lxiii.

1 EARLY O GOD we ſeek thy face,
Perſuaded of thy perfect grace;
Here in a dry and thirſty land,
We ſeek the viſit of thy hand.

2 As men by pain of craving pierc'd,
We for thy ſmiling preſence thirſt;
Thy gracious glory long to ſee
Fill, and adorn, thy ſanctuary.

3 Better than life with all its boons,
The kindneſs that each lip attunes;
Thy dwelling, and thy holy word,
All hearts invite to ſweet accord.

4 Bleſs'd be thy goodneſs while we live,
Rejoicing in thy will to give;
Thee 'tis our honour to proclaim,
Exulting in thy gracious name.

5 When in dark watches of the night,
We meditate thy mercy bright,
Rememb'ring hope it has ſupplied,
We ſhall be fully ſatisfied.

6 Thou haſt our help and refuge been,
Still be our guide, and make us clean;
Beſtow increaſing joy to ſing,
Beneath the ſhadow of thy wing.

HYMN LXXII.

David's ſolemn addreſs on dedicating his wealth to the Temple of God. 1 Chron. xxix. 10—18.

1 FOR ever be bleſs'd thy glorious name,
JEHOVAH Iſrael's GOD,
Thy greatneſs and majeſtic fame
In vict'ry ſhine abroad.
All that 's in heav'n and earth is thine,
The kingdom's SOV'REIGN HEAD divine.

2 Riches and honours come of thee,
Thou reigneſt over all;
In thy right hand is potency,
Almighty is thy call;
Thine order makes the lowly great,
No pow'r thy will can e'er defeat.

3 Oblation-thanks, and all we have,
To thee we conſecrate;
All we poſſeſs thy MERCY gave,
We humbly celebrate:
Here ſojourners we ſing thy praiſe,
Where but a ſhadow are our days.

4 By thee the hearts of all are tried,
Uprightneſs is thy claim;
Thy bleſſings on the juſt abide,
For thy MOST HOLY NAME?
Pure keep our thoughts with gracious care,
And for thy uſe our hearts prepare.

HYMN LXXIII. L. M.

Divine Decrees. If. xlvi. 9, 10. Eph. i. 11.

1 ETERNAL GOD thy will decreed
Th' events that flow from ev'ry deed;
Whate'er thy creatures have devis'd,
The wiſdom of thy thought compris'd.

2 Reaſon, the product of thy ſkill,
Muſt hang dependent on thy will;
Thy comprehenſive mind ſerene
Keeps guiding nature's vaſt machine.

3 For ever fix'd thy plan, to THEE
There can no wild diſorders be;
Paſſions, that moſt repugnant ſeem,
Perform their office in thy ſcheme.

4 No caſual facts to THEE occur,
Nor unforeſeen effects infer;
Link'd ſecond cauſes in conſent,
Determin'd ev'ry conſequent.

5 With judgment weak, we view the plan,
As paſſing inſects glance at man;
Yet all the parts in union roll,
And grand, and perfect is the whole.

6 By THEE all natures are ſuſtain'd,
Each happy deſtiny ordain'd;
All things are ſubject to thy call,
And in THYSELF muſt centre all.

HYMN LXXIV.

Bleſſed univerſality of the Goſpel Kingdom deſcri
Iſ. xi. 9.

PART I.

1 ESTEEM'D with love ſincere,
Be all thy will O LORD;
In Jeſus full appear
The bleſſings of thy word.
What happy times,
Will goſpel day
In truth diſplay,
To all the climes!

2 From riſing of the ſun,
To ſetting of the ſame,
Shall bleſſed knowledge run,
In honour of thy name.
Thy name is great,
And glory bright,
Diffuſing light,
Shines from thy ſeat.

3 The tribes ſhall bleſs thy rule,
And ſee thy hand infold

The BRANCH that's beautiful,
All-glorious to behold:
The BRANCH that grew
From *Jeſſe*'s root;
Laden with fruit;
Divinely true.

PART II.

The gentiles ſhall agree
God's praiſes to declare;
ALL HOLINESS TO THEE
Their horſes bells ſhall bear:
In each employ,
To ſpeak thy will,
And to fulfil,
Is ſacred joy.

The ſword in twain be broke,
That once was bath'd in gore;
The ſpear a pruning-hook,
Wars ſtain the earth no more.
The mountains ſing,
Trees clap their hands;
And peaceful bands
Sweet incenſe bring.

Ev'n iſlands far remote,
Hearing the goſpel's ſound,
At each ſweet joyful note,
Like the young roe will bound:
All deſart coaſts
With rapture ſing;
Knowing their King
The Lord of hoſts.

HYMN LXXV. C. M.

The bounties of Providence gratefully acknowledged.
Pſ. ciii. 22. and cxxxvi. 26.

PART. I.

1 ETERNAL ever-bleſſed GOD
Permit us to adore
Thy love, diſpenſing wide abroad
The bounties of thy Pow'r.

2 Life, with all things that we enjoy,
Proceeded from thy will;
To let thy praiſe our hearts employ,
Is duty to fulfil.

3 For each important element,
We render thanks to Thee;
For all proviſions thou haſt ſent,
In large variety.

4 For fire our purpoſe made t' obey,
Ev'n while controuling fear;
Whoſe nature lies in ſecreſy,
Diffuſing warmth and cheer.

5 For the bright orb that rules the day,
Drawing by nature's pow'rs,
Freſh vapours from the briny ſea,
That fall in fruitful ſhow'rs.

6 We bleſs thy name for precious light,
That all creation cheers;
Thy reigning PROVIDENCE in might
Benignly wiſe appears.

PART II.

7 Thanks be to GOD for corn and wine,
And ev'ry kind's increaſe;

For herds of milk-beſtowing kine,
And flocks with woolly fleece.

8 For health enjoy'd, and all the aids
Reſtoring when impair'd;
Refreſhing ſleep in nightly ſhades,
And eaſe by goodneſs ſpar'd.

9 For ev'ry mean to ſcience gives
A circulation free;
The letter'd page, where knowledge lives
T' augment felicity.

10 For friendſhip's ev'ry ſocial ſweet;
More pleaſant than the roe,
Endearments in communion meet;
And mutual pleaſures flow.

11 For civil Liberty's delight,
All venal wealth outweighs;
And happy freedom to unite
In thine improving praiſe.

12 When thy rich bleſſings we ſurvey,
O let us ne'er forget
Revealed truth, that lights our way,
The greateſt benefit!

HYMN LXXVI. C. M.

The divine bleſſing entreated upon the goſpel diſpenſation to give it ſucceſs. Pſ. cxxxii. 15.

1 EXCITE our hearts O GOD of grace,
By means thou haſt beſtow'd,
The footſteps of thy will to trace;
And run the heav'nly road.

2 Our ears have happy tidings reach'd,
That heav'nly truth proclaim;
The precious goſpel Jeſus preach'd,
Worthy of all eſteem.

3 Here pardon's in full light diſplay'd,
Mercy an offer'd guide;
Hopes glorious may on truth be laid,
The baſis ſure and tried.

4 O let a bleſſing from on high,
Attend this ſacred word!
That each with zeal ſincere may try
To know, and ſerve the Lord.

HYMN LXXVII. L. M.

The joys of vanity obſcured by Wiſdom.
Eccleſ. i. 13, 14.

1 ECLIPS'D are ſublunary joys,
And all the ſplendour that decoys,
Or faſcinates the minds of youth,
When brought before the rays of truth.

2 The kindled vapour if purſued,
In random windings will delude;
So errors of the mind betray,
Falſe is the guide, and drear the way.

3 But when the morning's ſmiling face
Diffuſes beams that vapours chace;
No longer devious guides miſlead,
A ſafe and certain path we tread.

4 Where the true light of wiſdom ſhines,
The pride of vanity declines;
Nought may preſume ſuch charms to ſhow,
Or can an equal luſtre throw.

HYMN LXXVIII. L. M.

The miracles of Jeſus, or The Man approved of God by mighty ſigns and wonders. Acts ii. 22.

1 EXCELLING dignity on earth
Diſplay'd the founder of our faith;
Jeſus obſcure and mean of birth,
The SON OF MAN of Nazareth.

2 Prophet of GOD's eſpecial choice,
To make impartial mercy known;
By heav'n diſtinguiſh'd with the voice,
'Hear ye my well-beloved ſon.'

3 Seal'd from above with pow'r endow'd,
He calm'd the ſea, and ſtill'd the wind;
Lull'd the rude tempeſt roaring loud,
Reſtor'd the ſick, and cur'd the blind.

4 Made ſcarcity a large ſupply,
And thouſands in the deſart fed;
With wonders ſooth'd the mournful cry,
And by a word reviv'd the dead.

5 His gentle accents, ſoon as heard,
The raving lunatics obey'd;
As droop'd the fig-tree at his word,
His frown had made the world afraid.

6 His glory great, how bright, how pure,
Nought can but inſpiration tell:
In life, and death, and riſing ſure,
Shone a continued miracle.

HYMN LXXIX. S. M.

Chriſtian Watchfulneſs. Mark xiii. 37. Luke xxi. 36.

1 EXPOS'D to num'rous cares,
Where dubious is the ground;

And vanities with tempting ſnares,
A hoſt encamp'd around.

2 Imperfect as we are,
And liable to fall,
With vigilance muſt zeal beware,
Or evils will enthral,

3 Doth wiſdom's eye inſpect
The courſe that we purſue?
Let perfect rules of truth direct
In ev'ry act we do.

4 Be our concern awake
In this precarious day;
What truth reproves may we forſake,
And humbly watch and pray.

HYMN LXXX. L. M.

The Chriſtian Warfare. 1. Tim. i. 18.

1 ENGAG'D as ſoldiers in the fight,
Againſt th' aſſaulting pow'rs of night;
None juſtly of the charge complains,
All aid is in appointed means.

2 In this great warfare each muſt wield
The chriſtian arms, and bear the ſhield;
The heart ſhould never be diſmay'd,
Succour'd by all-ſufficient aid.

3 Faith may temptation's darts defy,
Although in dark'ning ſhow'rs they fly;
In armour dreſt no dart can wound,
If arrows ſtrike, their points rebound.

4 Truth is our hope, our ſtrength the LORD,
Each combat brightens the reward;

Let courage but its life maintain,
Sure is the triumph; great the gain!

HYMN LXXXI. C. M.

The Parable of the Talents. Matt. xxv. 14—30.

1 ENTRUSTED with important gifts,
Talents from heav'n beſtow'd;
Each to a favour'd ſtation lifts,
For each is highly good.

2 Reaſon with all it comprehends,
And revelation ſent,
Th' enlighten'd mind in truth commends,
For nobleſt purpoſe meant.

3 Talents poſſeſs'd, whatever ſhare,
Valued with due regard;
And well improv'd with prudent care,
Secure a bleſt reward.

4 But who one precious talent ſlight,
And bury in neglect,
As though demanded more than right,
In ſorrow muſt reflect.

5 God's dealings juſt, as means before,
None can make fit complaint;
To thoſe who have, allotted more,
But ſtripp'd the negligent.

HYMN LXXXII. L. M.

The Ark of God. 1. Sam. iv. and v.

1 ELI ſat penſive on a ſtone,
His griev'd parental heart afraid,
Awhile the dreadful battle bray'd,
That *Iſrael*'s glory bright was gone.

2 He watching trembled for the ark,
Expos'd to danger in the field,
Leſt GOD its former mighty Shield,
Redemption ſhould refuſe to work.

3 Earth rang with ſhouting of the hoſt,
Yet ſmitten *Iſrael* knew defeat:
T' expire dropp'd Eli from his ſeat,
When heard the ARK of GOD was loſt.

4 By foes the captive ſacred ſhell,
In *Dagon*'s temple was diſgrac'd;
And near the idol-image plac'd,
That ſoon before it headleſs fell.

5 No wanton eyes this cheſt might view,
Nor might unhallow'd fingers touch,
Its glorious ſanctity was ſuch:
Pure ſymbol of the goſpel true!

HXMN LXXXIII. C. M.

The preſent and promiſed ſtate of divine knowledge.
Zech. xiv. 6—9.

1 ENJOY'D is truth, he taught to know,
Who ſtood on *Olives*' mount;
Whoſe doctrines of bleſt knowledge flow,
Pure from the goſpel fount.

2 This is the day, th' accepted time,
Long to the LORD foreknown;
When mercy ſpeaks in truth ſublime,
Revealed by his ſon.

3 Neither the darkſome ſhade of night,
Nor day completely clear;
But ſtill decreed, the partial light
At eve ſhall bright appear.

4 Then Salem's guſhing living ſtreams
Shall to all people run;
And ev'ry land enjoy the beams
Of bleſſing from the ſun.

5 Then ſhall JEHOVAH GOD alone
O'er all the earth be King;
The name ſupreme of only ONE
All tongues delight to ſing.

HYMN LXXXIV.

Elijah's miraculous preſervation. 1. Kings xvii.

1 ELIJAH who drank of the brook,
That flow'd by the *Jordan* along,
Aſſur'd the Lord never forſook,
Had hope the delight of his ſong.

2 Great wonders high goodneſs diſplay'd,
The prophet in famine to feed;
For daily the ravens convey'd
Proviſion, to anſwer his need.

3 When long was withholden the rain,
And deſtitute *Cherith* appear'd;
Still God would *Elijah* ſuſtain,
Whoſe promiſe he humbly rever'd.

4 The poor widow's handful of meal,
And oil-cruſe, could waſting defy,
While providence made them to deal
Enough, for their conſtant ſupply.

HYMN LXXXV. C. M.

The waters of the Sanctuary. Ezek. xlvii. 1—12.

1 EFFUSING in a wondrous ſtream,
Truth's wiſe admirers ſee

Pure waters, all attention claim,
From GOD's high ſanctuary.

2 Here the bold meter's line may ſtretch
Along the ſhallow rill;
Till paſſing from the ankle's reach,
To depth unfordable.

3 Far as the ſacred waters flow,
Caus'd ev'ry thing to live;
To great delight beholders know
They rich abundance give.

4 Trees on each bank, ſupremely good,
Appear in fadeleſs green;
Their fruit for faith's ſuſtaining food,
Their leaves for medicine.

5 O bleſſed truth! profound and ſhoal!
Flowing men wiſe to make:
We ſtand where heav'nly waters roll
And bleſſings may partake!

HYMN LXXXVI.

Peter's denial and Judas's betrayment of Chriſt.
Luke xxii. 47. 55—62.

1 EV'N *Peter*, who peril defied,
Endanger'd from confidence ran;
The coward his ſaviour denied,
Declaring he knew not the man.

2 Eye-pierc'd was the conſcience that ſlept,
He heard the cock crow to his grief;
Withdrawing he bitterly wept,
And tears were a happy relief.

But *Judas* his maſter betray'd,
And ſilver preferr'd to his lord;
He paſſion for lucre obey'd,
And gain'd a baſe traitor's reward.

How keen the remorſe he endur'd,
When ſeen his ſalvation was wreck'd!
His anguiſh could never be cur'd,
And death was the fatal effect.

Could men in pretenſions ſo great,
Thus far from true rectitude fall?
Let raſhneſs behold its defeat,
And jealouſy boaſting appal.

By falls are we caution'd to ply,
With ardour to watch and to pray;
And never like *Peter* deny,
Nor like the vile *Judas* betray.

HYMN LXXXVII. C. M.

Vain Excuſes. Luke ix. 57.

EXCUSES ſpeedily ariſe,
For duty's baſe neglect;
When ponder'd not that piercing eyes
The inmoſt thoughts inſpect.

'I muſt delay t' entomb the dead,
'Or bid my home farewel;'
Th' unwilling mind will promptly plead,
With fairer ſhew to fail.

Or looking back to ſenſual care,
'I muſt this world regard;
'And ſeek, when I have gain'd my ſhare,
'A future high reward.'

4 But none whoſe hands have touch'd the plow,
And ling'ring to retreat,
Make conſcience to pretences bow,
Are for the kingdom meet.

5 Chriſt's perfect will may we purſue,
Where'er his precepts lead;
Who worldly greatneſs never knew,
Nor where to lay his head.

HYMN LXXXVIII. L. M.

The inviſible World. Iſa. lxiv. 4.

1 EXPRESSION is too weak to tell
The brightneſs of the future ſtate;
Diſciples of our Lord await,
In realms of light ineffable.

2 Eyes, the material world ſurvey,
Immortal joys have never ſeen;
A ſolemn veil is hung between,
And keeps conceal'd etherial day.

3 Ne'er was reveal'd to mortal ear
The treaſures rich contain'd in heav'n;
Nor to a human mind e'er giv'n
To know what glories ſhall appear.

4 Faith's ſight afar can penetrate,
Whoſe hope preludes the bleſſed home:
O may we when our Lord ſhall come,
Reſemble him in glorious ſtate.

HYMN LXXXIX. L. M.

The lowly Suit to God. Pſ. x. 17, 18.

1 FATHER of light, and ev'ry good,
The widow's ſtaff, the orphan's friend;

May we approach, and not intrude,
And on thy gracious arm depend?

2 Of goodneſs thou haſt well prepar'd,
For all the poor that cry to thee;
The thouſands have thy mercy ſhar'd,
Not one aſham'd of conſtancy.

3 We are the creatures of thy pow'r,
The children of thy faithful care;
Thy gifts are witneſs'd ev'ry hour,
And wilt thou not regard our pray'r?

4 Be richly merciful, and bleſs
Our humble waiting at thy throne;
Grant us the ſhining of thy face,
To thee our wants are always known.

5 In thy kind preſence give us joy,
Salvation's glorious light t' expect;
Prevent the cares that might deſtroy
What hopes we to thy love direct.

6 Grant ſtronger truſt in thee our GOD,
Beſtow the ſongs of grateful praiſe;
And be thy promis'd bleſt abode
The final portion of our days.

HYMN XC. S. M.

Returning to the Lord with ſupplications.
Hoſ. xiv. 1. &c.

1 FALL'N by iniquity,
To thee O LORD we turn;
Forgive, receive us graciouſly,
And not our off'ring ſpurn.

2 No earthly gods can bleſs
With joy the contrite mind;
In thee the poor, and fatherleſs,
Moſt tender mercy find.

3 All baſe backſlidings heal,
With free and perfect love;
Let pity hear our ſighs appeal,
And anger far remove.

4 Let heav'nly bleſſing drop,
As falls the gentle dew;
That we may grow in faith, and hope,
And roots of love renew.

5 Wide may the branches ſpread
Of uſeful pure intent;
In beauty like the olive's head,
And ſweet as Leb'non's ſcent.

6 Revive us as the corn,
Or like the growing vine;
And in the future bleſſed morn,
May fruits of honour ſhine.

HYMN XCI. C. M.

Recourſe to God as a moſt ſure Refuge. Pſ. lvii.

1 FATHER of life thy pity ſhow
To ſuppliants at thy feet;
And grant enlighten'd hope to know
Thy gracious glory great.

2 Thy mercy is a refuge high,
In thee we would confide;
To this moſt ſacred ſhelter fly,
And there in ſafety hide.

3 Screen us with thine almighty pow'r,
In ev'ry ſtormy blaſt,
When dark calamities ſhall low'r;
Till ſtorms be overpaſt.

4 In truth, from heav'n by mercy ſent,
O! fix each wand'ring heart;
That we may never ſigh complaint,
Nor from obedience ſtart.

5 Let condeſcending kindneſs take
The tribute of each tongue;
To thee our glory ſhall awake,
And praiſe ſhall be the ſong.

6 Above the earth, above the ſky,
Exalted be thy name;
Thy mercy great, and truth on high,
For ever ſtand the ſame.

HYMN XCII. L. M.

Aſpirations of devout piety. Pſ. cxix. 169.

PART I.

1 FATHER to thee we raiſe our cries,
With humble hearts, and longing eyes;
All nature is thy bounty's range,
Pſ. lvii. Thy truth, and mercy, never change.

2 Around us may thy preſence ſtand,
To guard us from the tempting band;
And let a ray of gracious light
Make duty plain before our ſight.

3 Guide us with awe to think of THEE,
In ev'ry thing thy hand to ſee;
To cheriſh in moſt ſerious mind,
The filial love, with fear entwin'd.

4 Teach us to know thy dealings fit,
In all things calmly to ſubmit;
Defiling paſſions to ſubdue,
And turn us from each ſordid view.

5 Take from the conſcience ev'ry ſting,
Sweet peace let all corrections bring;
May pard'ning grace our ſins conceal,
And ev'ry ſore backſliding heal.

6 Be thou our ſhepherd, aid afford
In the green paſture of thy word;
Whene'er with ſervile fear oppreſs'd,
Lead us to promiſes for reſt.

PART II.

7 Give us O LORD ourſelves to know,
How frail, and vain, all things below;
And when inclin'd to go aſtray,
Prevent us, and obſtruct the way.

8 Envy ſubdue, if e'er it riſe,
Help us to bleſs our enemies;
O teach, what thou alone canſt teach,
Forbearance ſhould falſe lips impeach.

9 Give us to feel for miſery,
The bounteous hand of ſympathy;
With wiſhes that the world embrace,
Exemplifying chriſtian grace.

10 Grant us to ſee the HIGHEST GOOD,
To make thy truth our conſtant food;
Centred in thee be each deſire,
And warm our ſouls with ſacred fire.

11 All needful bleſſings oft repeat,
Let heav'nly beams conduct our feet;

Make us to keep thy ſtatutes pure,
And guard us by thy pow'r ſecure.

12 May promiſes by Jeſus giv'n,
Delight us with the hopes of heav'n;
Deep in our hearts record thy love,
And train us for the realms above.

HYMN XCIII. S. M.

The foundation of God and its ſeal. 2 Tim. ii. 19.

1 FIRM, and ſecurely ſtands,
The baſe of chriſtian joy;
Not laid by viſible weak hands,
Nor can they e'er deſtroy.

2 Glorious the truth is known,
Its ſtrength can never fail;
GOD's well-deſign'd foundation ſtone,
Bearing this ſacred ſeal;

3 'Th' all-ſeeing GOD diſcerns
'His own with high eſteem;
'And never from his preſence ſpurns
'The men that truſt in him.

4 'Let them with upright heart,
'Who take the ſaviour's name,
'From all iniquity depart;
'And conſcience keep from blame.'

5 May GOD with mighty aid,
And gracious light ſurround:
His ſignet may we wiſely read,
And ſafely ſeal'd be found.

HYMN XCIV. L. M.

Atheiſm horrible. Pſ. xiv. 1. Eph. ii. 12.

1 FOLLY, in wild delirious dream,
Some airy phantom vaunts t' applaud:
But here's its deadly dire extreme
To ſay, or think—'*There is no God.*'

2 No God!—What form'd this world compact,
So well-repleniſh'd, firm, and fair!
Eſtabliſh'd nature's laws exact,
And balanc'd all the pow'rs they bear?

3 Denying God!—to what pretence,
Aſcribe the vegetating grain?
The ear, the eye, and ev'ry ſenſe,
The curious texture of the brain?

4 No God above!—Whence intellect?
To what ſhall conſcience be aſſign'd?
Could chance blind atoms ſo direct,
To complicate a ſeeing mind?

5 What cauſe ordain'd the central ſun;
The beauteous beams of light achiev'd?
What by itſelf was ever done;
Or well deſign'd before it liv'd?

6 While fools careſs the horrid thought,
'Gainſt nature ſay, '*There is no God;*'
Be peace with thee my bleſſed lot;
O! fix my heart on thine abode.

HYMN XCV. S. M.

Proſperity of the Righteous. Pſ. xcii. 7—15.

1 FAR from the way of peace,
Are all who know not GOD;

Though coffers full of wealth increaſe,
They bear a guilty load.

2 Like noiſome weeds they ſpring,
And ſeem in ſin to thrive;
Yet woes a future day will bring,
And guilt to horror drive.

3 Thoſe GOD eſteems his own,
Are juſt, in ſpirit calm;
Like cedars grow in Lebenon,
And flouriſh like the palm.

4 Planted in holy ground,
With branches ſpreading fair;
As upright trees are fruitful found,
And ſacred bleſſings ſhare.

5 When like the almond tree,
Their heads grow white with age;
Still ſhall the righteous fruitful be
In GOD's own heritage.

6 As living proofs they ſtand,
Nor from his truth decline;
To ſhow the goodneſs of his hand,
His faithfulneſs divine.

HYMN XCVI. C. M.

The blood of Jeſus contraſted with the blood of Abel.
Gen. iv. Heb. xii. 24.

1 FALL'N Adam's ſons reſolv'd to riſe,
And proper off'rings ſuit;
One takes a lamb for ſacrifice,
The other ripen'd fruit.

2 Not both with equal willing mind,
To GOD their preſents bring;

That ſearch'd his fold the beſt to find,
This grudg'd his offering.

3 Cain's anger ſees ſincerity
More kind acceptance meet;
'Gainſt Abel lifts his hand to lay
A victim at his feet.

4 The blood-ſtain'd earth a voice emits,
To heav'n for vengeance cries;
Sore wrath the criminal befits,
Who equity denies.

5 More precious blood now ſilence breaks,
Expreſſing accents new;
'Father my foes forgive,' it ſpeaks
'They know not what they do.'

HYMN XCVII. L. M.

The perfect independence of God's compaſſion; or forgiveneſs without ſatisfaction. Iſa. xliii. 25. John iii. 16. Rom. iii. 24. Eph. ii. 4—7.

1 FREE is the mercy GOD hath thought,
Reſulting from no paſt event;
His pardon rich by nothing bought,
To ſinners proffer'd who repent.

2 Moſt juſtly with all guilt diſpleas'd,
Yet in forgiveneſs freely good;
By murder ne'er was wrath appeas'd,
Nor juſtice with vicarious blood.

3 A previous cauſe could ne'er exiſt
Of grace, that by the goſpel draws;
Unſullied, pure, and free from miſt,
Itſelf of good the only cauſe.

4 God's mercy-cov'nant Chriſt reveal'd,
In kindneſs by the FATHER ſent;
Whoſe grace his blood, and ſuff'rings ſeal'd,
In life and death GOD's inſtrument.

5 If by inviting goodneſs drawn,
Urg'd by its great and wondrous means;
We ſhall awake to glory's dawn,
Whoſe ages bear immortal gains.

HYMN XCVIII. C. M.

The Mercy-ſeat. Rom. iii. 25.

1 FREELY are guilty men redeem'd,
And juſtified of GOD;
Th' annointed ſon hath he proclaim'd
His MERCY-SEAT by blood.

2 In truth reveal'd announcing peace,
We may the bleſſing find;
Rich in the tenour of its grace,
And free for all mankind.

3 Approach'd in faith this MERCY-SEAT
Peculiar glory bears;
It ſhines forgiveneſs all complete,
And righteouſneſs declares.

4 Delight, and true rejoicing, known
In triumph o'er diſmay,
Beams from the radiance of his throne,
Creating bleſſed day.

5 Moſt juſt our GOD in works he doth,
In making gentiles juſt;
This truth ſhall jews confeſs, and both
In the ſame mercy truſt.

HYMN XCIX. S. M.

The christian spirit of forbearance and forgiveness.
Luke xvii. 3—5.

1 FORGIVENESS is our need,
And pard'ning grace we crave;
May we in watchfulness take heed,
Lest vice our hearts deprave,

2 In all rebukes we give,
Still be th' intention pure;
Designing not with wounds to grieve,
But benefit secure.

3 Should sore offences pain,
Ev'n seven times a day;
Still never may our minds refrain
Benev'lence to display.

4 O may our faith increase,
Vile passions to deny;
That we may know true christian peace,
And heav'nly calm enjoy.

HYMN C. L. M.

The doctrine of Christ the true foundation.
Isa. xxviii. 16. 1 Pet ii. 6.

1 FIRM tried and precious is the stone,
By GOD's own hand in Zion laid;
To be a sure foundation known,
By all the poor with fear dismay'd.

2 The saviour's truth divinely pure,
That pardon speaks to penitents;
Here blessed hope is found secure,
For GOD bestows, and ne'er repents.

3 Enduring as the rock moſt ſtrong,
His doctrine of ſalvation ſtands;
Its honour is a joyful ſong,
Its fame the glory of all lands.

4 In paths of peace, and pure delight,
Its influ'nce well conducts the feet,
Where love and filial fear unite,
Where happineſs and duty meet.

5 When fabricks totter, built on ſand,
And vaniſh hopes of fallacy,
This truth remains ſupremely grand;
Revealing immortality.

HYMN CI. C. M.

Faith. Heb. xi. 1. Gal. vi. 8.

1 FAITH is the mind's ſincere aſſent,
The ſtaff on which we lean;
Perſuaſion rend'ring evident
The ſubſtance, yet unſeen.

2 Its object is the bliſs above,
That nobleſt wiſhes ſuits;
Its parent truth, and works by love,
Producing happy fruits.

3 Faith introducing upright aims,
Virtue, and worſhip new,
Compriſes all the goſpel claims,
Obedience pure, and true.

4 Forbearance, joy, and gentleneſs,
From chriſtian faith muſt grow;
Good meekneſs, temperance, and peace,
Its true diſciples ſhow.

5 This grace unites with holy fear,
Not mocking with diſguiſe;
The ſeed ſhall excellent appear,
To joyful harveſt riſe.

6 When they that to the fleſh have ſown,
Shall reap corruption vile;
All faithful ſowers ſhall be known,
And ſhare th' approving ſmile.

HYMN CII. L. M.

Martyrdom. Acts vii. 58. and xxi. 13. Heb. xi. 36. &c. 1 Pet. ii. 21.

1 FAVOUR'D of GOD, deſpis'd by men,
The SON OF MAN our ſaviour ſtood;
For truth he bore ſevereſt pain,
His teſtimony ſeal'd with blood.

2 *Stephen* believ'd what Chriſt reveal'd,
Firm was his mind when ſton'd to death;
Beheld his leader well appeal'd,
And kindneſs prov'd with dying breath.

3 Some took for truth, with cheerful mind,
Th' outrageous ſpoiling of their goods;
Padlock'd in dungeons cloſe confin'd,
Or fell the prey of bloody feuds.

4 Pangs all the martyrs could endure,
Firmly believing GOD would ſave:
Like precious faith will ſtand ſecure,
And death for truth will nobly brave.

HYMN CIII. C. M.

Adherence to and contention for the pure faith ſtimulated by ſolemn remembrances. Jude 3—15.

1 For the pure faith may we contend,
Deliver'd to the ſaints;
And hold it ſtedfaſt to the end,
Though gloomy prove events.

2 Rememb'ring *Pharaoh* with his hoſt,
Believing not in God,
Beneath his awful vengeance loſt,
Amidſt the purple flood.

3 Rememb'ring cities of the plain,
Immers'd in fell deſire,
Examples of tremendous pain,
Suff'ring devouring fire.

4 Rememb'ring rebel angel trains,
From glory fall'n away,
Still under darkneſs held in chains,
To the laſt judgment day.

5 The day, when midſt ten thouſand ſaints,
The righteous Lord will come,
To hear the juſt, redreſs their plaints,
And give the vile their doom.

6 In love and pray'r built on the word,
Maintaining holy ſtrife;
We look for mercy of our Lord,
Unto eternal life.

HYMN CIV.

The chriſtian graces. 1 Cor. xiii. 13.

1 FAITH heav'nly truth ſurveys,
Knows the rewarder God;
And teſtifies in praiſe
The future bleſt abode:
Firm credit gives
To things divine,
That brightly ſhine,
And wiſely lives.

2 HOPE happy int'reſt feels
In God, though fear-oppreſs'd;
With confidence appeals,
And waits eternal reſt:
Meekly receives
The grace reveal'd,
In Jeſus ſeal'd,
And peace achieves.

3 His virtues LOVE admires,
Will all mankind careſs;
Proving in deeds deſires
To aid relieve and bleſs:
Sweet CHARITY
Extending ſcope,
When faith and hope
No more ſhall be.

4 All light may God impart,
And daily ſtrength afford;
May we unite in heart
The graces of his word:
By all that's giv'n,
Aſcending higher
In pure deſire,
Till bleſt in heav'n.

HYMN CV. L. M.

The guilt and danger of mocking at ſin.
Prov. xiv. 9.

FOOLS in their frenzy mock at ſin,
That direful cauſe of woe hath been;
The cup of vicious laughter drink,
Though verging on perdition's brink.

Such jeſters game with death, inſane
They trifle with the dreadful bane,
That millions have to ruin hurl'd,
The horror of a guilty world.

Moſt ſolemn threats of GOD they try,
His woe-inflicting pow'r defy;
And wanton in deſtruction's courſe,
War waging with eternal force.

Sportive with guilt, its cure they jeer,
On Jeſus caſt the ſcornful ſneer;
His blood, and agonies, deride,
And mock the pangs in which he died!

HYMN CVI.

Scripture light diſplaying the world to come. Jer. xxiii. 28. John xx. 31. 2 Pet. i. 19.

FABLES, by fancy taught,
The child of ſuperſtition hears,
With ſmiling joy, or ſhedding tears,
Still deſtitute of thought.

What knowledge reaſon throws
The ſpots of vanity diſplays;
But nobleſt luſtre of the rays
To revelation owes.

3 By ſcripture light is ſeen
Virtue in loveliest form t' allure,
Th' accepted mode of worſhip pure,
Moſt beautiful, moſt plain.

4 By this good word alone
The great immortal life we know;
And reſurrection's hope may glow
Towards the bleſſed throne.

HYMN CVII. L. M.

Mercy to inferior animals. Pſ. cxlv. 9. Prov. xii. 10. Luke vi. 36.

1 For ev'ry creature made to pleaſe,
And uſeful ſervice to purſue,
The reas'ning being's grateful praiſe,
To the CREATOR muſt be due.

2 We ought in faithful mind to bear
Each animal's a work divine;
And when intruſted to our care,
Its claim did not his will reſign.

3 The breathing loans are well enjoy'd,
With gentle hand, and kindneſs uſed,
And by a righteous rule employ'd;
Denied the Lender when abus'd.

4 All living things are form'd to feel,
Suſceptible of bliſs, and pain;
To torture is their right to ſteal,
And treat their MAKER with diſdain.

5 Mercy complies with nature's call,
Hard cruelties her ſtatute break:

Vile thought! to hurt for being ſmall,
Or, cruſh a worm becauſe 'tis weak.

6 Man hopes GOD's clemency to find,
Leſs than a moth beneath his foot:
Let ſympathy direct the mind,
And fellow-feeling the purſuit.

HYMN CVIII. C. M.

The ſecret worſhip of God. Matt. vi. 6.

1 FEELING a heart impreſſive ſenſe
Of GOD's omniſcient eye,
May we deteſt the falſe pretence
That would his claim deny.

2 Eſcaping all perdition's ſnares,
And deeming ſin a load;
May we, retir'd from worldly cares,
Be cloſetted with GOD.

3 To him in pure devotion pray,
Who us in ſecret ſees;
His will may all our thoughts obey,
Reſign'd to what he pleaſe.

4 Humbly may confidence be bold,
Rejoicing in the LORD;
Who will with benefits uphold,
And openly reward.

5 Then in the realms of perfect light
Shall end our mortal days;
Supporting hope in viſion bright,
And pray'r in endleſs praiſe.

HYMN CIX. C. M.

God worſhiped with humility and prayer for direction.
Pſ. v.

1 GLAD with the morning's cheerful ray,
Great KING, and mighty GOD,
How bleſt t' aſſemble, praiſe and pray,
In thy divine abode!

2 The ways of all doſt thou inſpect,
Their hearts, and motives, ſee;
All falſe pretence wilt thou reject,
No evils dwell with thee.

3 Thou never ſaidſt to them who fought,
My favour ſeek in vain;
More than is meet requireſt not
From any feeble men.

4 Within thy houſe of pray'r, O LORD,
For worſhip we appear;
To ſing the bleſſings of thy word,
To pray in filial fear.

5 May we thy gracious ear invoke,
With earneſt humble voice;
And while we on thy mercies look,
In hope ſincere rejoice.

6 The path of life, thy righteous way,
Make ſtraight before our face;
Let us thy precepts pure obey,
And all thy leadings trace.

7 In thee may we our truſt maintain,
With joyful praiſes fill'd;
Thy favour is our higheſt gain,
And all-defending ſhield.

HYMN CX. L. M.

Divine Power and Wiſdom, or Creation and Providence devoutly aſcribed to God. Iſ. xl. 28. Pſ. cxlv. 10—13. Job xxxvi. 24. Heb. iii. 4.

1 GLORY ſupreme to GOD alone,
Let ev'ry tongue proclaim thy name;
And thee confeſs the ONLY ONE,
From all eternity the ſame.

2 Thy SPIRIT, mighty energy!
The rolling worlds from nothing wrought;
And truth reveal'd, of purity,
Be thou ador'd in ev'ry thought.

3 To thy great wiſdom all profound,
Deep wonders ev'ry work aſcribes;
Through nature vaſt with ne'er a bound,
From heav'nly hoſts to inſect-tribes.

4 Thy providence, ſtupendous ſcheme!
Revolves the earth, and wings the fly;
Supports all forms of life that teem,
Thy will declaring good as high.

5 Let honour to thy SON be paid,
His name confeſs'd, thy ſov'reign claim;
By him let all thy palace tread,
And bow to thee O GOD ſupreme.

6 Be thou exalted LIGHT divine,
Above the heav'ns with all their train;
For ſeraphs there that brighteſt ſhine,
To THEE compar'd are low, and mean.

HYMN CXI. C. M.

The kingdom of God a ſacred vine.—Interceſſion for the Jewiſh people. Pſ. lxxx. Rom. xi. 23.

1 GIVE ear, O SHEPHERD of the flock,
Shine from thy cherubim;
Stir up thy ſtrength Eternal ROCK,
No pow'rs but thine redeem.

2 A vine from *Egypt* thou haſt brought,
And planted in the ſoil;
Deep and eſtabliſh'd was the root,
Beneath thy fav'ring ſmile.

3 Tow'ring and fair the branches roſe,
Through all the land diſplay'd;
Like goodly cedars were the boughs,
And *Judah*'s hills o'erſpread.

4 Why haſt thou left thy ſacred vine,
Its hedges broken down?
Why rends the foreſt boar its rhine,
Permitted by thy frown?

5 Return GREAT GOD of hoſts we pray,
From heav'n thy viſit make;
Reſtore thy vine from dread decay,
For thine own goodneſs ſake.

6 Turn *Jacob* turn, O GOD of love,
And cauſe thy face to ſhine;
O! ſave with mercy from above,
Diſplay thy pow'r divine!

HYMN CXII. C. M.

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Pſ. CXXXIX. 14—18.

GREAT FATHER, all-creative GOD,
Thy hand perform'd my frame;
All that I have, thy will beſtow'd,
Life from thy goodneſs came.

My form was preſent to thy ſight,
And all my limbs portray'd;
Long ere my eyes beheld the light,
And thy fair works ſurvey'd.

Thy tender providence careſs'd
The helpleſs infant bare;
When leaning on my mother's breaſt,
I hung upon thy care.

Myſelf to claim with high pretence,
This being ill befits;
Nor ſhould I pleaſe a ſingle ſenſe,
More than thy will permits.

Faſhion'd by thy almighty ſkill,
Contriv'd by THEE my mind;
O let me ſeek to know thy will,
And life's true end to find.

Let reaſon, by thy wiſdom giv'n,
Learn ſacred truth to prize;
Enlighten'd by this beam of heav'n,
May I be truly wiſe.

HYMN CXIII. S. M.

Nature the work of God. Pſ. xix. Jer. xxxi. 35.

1 GOD of creative pow'r,
Sun, moon, and ſtars, are thine;
And through the firmament they ſhine,
Inciting us t' adore.

2 The bridegroom of the morn,
Leaving his chamber bright,
Rejoices in his race of light;
Upon thy finger borne.

3 The moon within his reach,
Adorn'd with bridal rays,
With all the planets ſhew thy praiſe;
And ſacred wiſdom teach.

4 The ſtars of ſolemn night,
As gloomy ſhades advance,
Make wonderful the wide expance;
And ſtrike with awe the ſight.

5 Stretch'd through the earth their line,
No dialect is found,
Where is not heard their voice's ſound,
Speaking the CAUSE DIVINE!

6 Moſt perfect is thy law,
Thy teſtimony ſure;
Thy ſtatutes right, true joy ſecure,
For to thyſelf they draw.

7 More worthy of regard,
Than Ophir's fineſt gold,
Are thy true judgments, which have told
A permanent reward.

HYMN CXIV. C. M.

Nature and Revelation declaring the glory of God.
Pſ. xix. Jer. li. 15.

1 GLORY the ſhining heav'ns declare,
And wide proclaim abroad
The handy-work, and conſtant care,
Of our ALMIGHTY GOD.

2 His beauteous orb bright pow'r diſplays,
And lifts a joyful voice;
The moon reflecting ſolar rays,
And all his works rejoice.

3 From day to day his knowledge great
Enlight'ning beams diſcloſe;
And nightly wonders ſkill repeat,
Their ſum vaſt wiſdom ſhows.

4 The language of his firmament,
Perſuaſive in each word,
Reaches to nature's lines extent;
And ev'ry where is heard.

5 His perfect laws, in grace reveal'd,
More wiſdom ſtill unfold;
God's ſtatutes have his truth detail'd,
Mercy and judgment told.

6 His teſtimonies right, and wiſe,
More worth than gold impart;
Purely enlight'ning to the eyes,
And joyous to the heart.

HYMN CXV. L. M.

The divine Sovereignty. Pſ. ciii. 19. Amos iii. 6.

1 GREAT ARBITER of elements,
Thy wiſe and ſovereign Providence

Renders impoſible th' extreme,
Oppos'd to thine eternal ſcheme,

2 Fierce comets at thy will return,
Decreed by thee volcanos burn;
And fiery ſtreams, at thy command,
Swell into floods, and burſt the land.

3 Thine are the bounds of wat'ry realms,
The deluge thine the earth o'erwhelms;
Contagions thy deſigns fulfil,
And warring ſwords obey thy will.

5 Thine eyes the ſons of wrath ſurvey,
Like lions prowling for their prey,
When ſpears and arrows are their teeth,
Foaming fierce rage, and dealing death.

5 Thy hand creates the tempeſt dire,
Guides, and controuls, the darting fire;
The thunders that tremendous roar,
In ev'ry peal thy power adore.

6 Though awful clouds thy way o'erſpread,
To us preſenting terrors dread;
Still tributes to thy throne we bring,
Truſting for GOOD is ev'ry thing.

HYMN CXVI. C. M.

The Meſſiah's Kingly Character. Pſ. ii. Zech. ix. 9. Dan. ix. 26. Acts v. 31.

1 GREAT GOD, thy right is ev'ry place,
On Zion's ſacred throne,
Enrob'd with pow'r, adorn'd with grace,
Thou haſt ſet up thy SON.

2 How vain the people's thoughts t' engage
Thy deep decree to pierce!

The heathen felt a deadly rage,
And Iſrael's wrath was fierce.

3 Though tyrants riſe with fury up,
T' oppoſe thy will O GOD;
He'll daſh them like a potter's cup,
As with an iron rod.

4 By thee anointed he muſt reign,
Thy might his throne ſecures;
His high dominion ſhall remain,
Long as the ſun endures.

5 His wielded ſceptre ſhall rejoice
Gray age, and blooming youth;
Gentiles and Jews ſhall hear his voice,
And errors yield to truth.

6 Subject to thee his realm ſhall grow,
And reach to ev'ry ſhore;
The bleſſings of his peace ſhall flow,
Till wars are known no more.

HYMN CXVII. L. M.

God our glorious Refuge and Benefactor.

2 Sam. xxii. 2, 3. Iſ. xxix. 19. and li. 3.

1 GOD is our hope, and only truſt,
Firm is his arm, his goodneſs juſt;
Life his ſupporting aid has known,
Through all its days from earlieſt dawn.

2 Our joy, and ſtrength, are of the Lord,
Inſtructed by his holy word,
And guarded by his mindful care,
Will we his righteouſneſs declare.

3 GOD is our rock, and refuge ſtrong,
His mercy's praiſe ſhall be our ſong;
Great is the honour to proclaim
The gracious glory of his name!

4 His righteous hand hath wonders wrought,
Rich bleſſings without number brought;
His truth our guide and confidence,
And his ſalvation our defence.

5 He knows the ſorrows of our day,
And hears the cries of all that pray;
In need his mighty arm will ſtretch,
Our wants, and all our dangers, reach.

6 If in grayheaded age we toil,
Our helper ſtill, his love will ſmile;
None will his faithful mind diſdain,
That to his ſervice true remain.

HYMN CXVIII. S. M.

Divine Attributes. Pſ. lxxxix. 6.—16.

1 GOOD is the LORD our GOD,
And greatly to be fear'd;
Aſſembled ſaints in his abode,
His praiſe with joy have heard.

2 His honour they revere,
And ſacred truth admire;
That in full brightness will appear,
Excelling all deſire.

3 What pow'r can be compar'd
With his, that tempeſts ſtills?
Whate'er his Sov'reign word declar'd,
His faithfulneſs fulfils.

His voice the ſea controuls,
Commands the earth to move;
In order keeps her ſteady poles,
And his the heav'ns above.

Juſtice and judgment, form
The baſis of his throne;
And bleſt are they, in ev'ry ſtorm,
His joyful ſound have known.

They in his name rejoice,
And glorious excellence;
Exalted in his righteouſneſs,
And know him their defence.

HYMN CXIX. C. M.

Summary of the Chriſtian Doctrine. Luke i. 4.

PART I.

Zech. xiv. 9. John iv. 23.

GREAT is the truth, in luſtre great!
Which all the world ſhall ſee;
And Gentiles in all tongues repeat,
JEHOVAH'S UNITY.

Sole perfect God, FATHER of all,
With glory overſpread;
Whoſe pow'r created by a call,
The worlds his will decreed.

His unbeginning life, great mind,
And bright perfections all,
Leave human reaſon far behind;
Yet truth is rational.

His PROVIDENCE bears ſov'reign rule,
Of all events prime CAUSE;

His kingdom purely ſpiritual,
Above all human laws.

5 Pure ſcriptures in both teſtaments,
Moſt ſacred records giv'n;
Inſcrib'd by wiſe, and upright, ſaints,
Contain the truth of heav'n.

6 Their prophecies, both old and new,
Were men inſpir'd to write;
Great facts have ſome eſtabliſh'd true,
The reſt ſhall ſee the light.

PART II.

Acts ii. 22. 1 Cor. xv. 21.

7 Man's nature is God's handy-work,
To yield all he deſir'd;
What evils in his motives lurk,
Were guiltily acquir'd.

8 Mortality by Adam came,
On the firſt cov'nant's breach;
Pity reſtores the ruin'd frame,
And all the dead ſhall reach.

9 GOD's mercy in ſalvation free,
No compenſation ſought;
In LOVE all attributes agree,
By no price ever bought.

10 His SPIRIT is the marv'lous gift,
Conferr'd on Chriſt his ſon;
The MAN high wiſdom pleas'd to lift,
To make new cov'nant known.

11 Permitted to be ſhed his blood,
His publiſh'd truth to ſeal;

The risen instrument of GOD,
Extinction to repeal.

12 His terms, the last, can ne'er remove,
Immortal hopes comprise;
The gospel, teaching works of love,
Completely justifies.

PART III.

Acts x. 34, 35. 2 Pet. iii. 9, &c.

13 Compassion shines all hearts to warm,
Life's their accepted hour;
All flesh have duties to perform,
Because all have the pow'r.

14 From sin, dark death, and misery,
Redemption is proclaim'd;
They that believe, and truth obey,
Are penitents redeem'd.

15 Christ's rules have morals pure defin'd,
His life their holy text;
Peace is to christian virtues join'd,
And future life annex'd.

16 In grace elective each may share,
None but for crimes bereav'd;
All that sincerely righteous are,
In favour well receiv'd.

17 The day hath GOD determin'd nigh,
By his exalted son,
The human race reviv'd to try,
For all their actions done.

18 The righteous ſhall in glory ſhine;
And all the vile be caſt
To darkneſs—In the will divine
Lock'd is the iſſue faſt.

HYMN CXX. L. M.

Regeneration of mankind by the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt. Jam. i. 18. 1 Pet. i. 23.

1 GOD'S SPIRIT firſt, with pow'r divine,
The chriſtian doctrine pure t' enforce,
Made truth in mighty wonders ſhine,
To knowledge giving a free courſe.

2 Regenerated were mankind,
Through tidings of ſalvation preach'd;
Truth heard the deaf, and ſaw the blind,
Far as the goſpel kingdom reach'd.

3 Some Jews could prejudice reſign,
Adopting chriſtian worſhip plain;
With others in devotion join,
Inur'd to treat with cold diſdain.

4 Gentiles renounc'd idolatries,
Forſook groſs vices of the earth;
And gave to GOD their cordial praiſe,
Bleſt with the new moſt joyful birth.

5 Thus was eſtabliſh'd to remain
The goſpel of eternal ruth;
All that believe are born again,
By influence of revealed truth.

6 This ev'ry chriſtian's bleſſed part,
Through ſacred means is of the LORD;
In penitence with contrite heart,
Is hope begotten by the WORD.

HYMN CXXI. C. M.

Genuine Chriſtian diſcipleſhip entreated.
Heb. xiii. 13—16.

1 GRANT us GREAT GOD, of glorious grace,
To go without the camp,
The leading ſteps of Chriſt to trace,
Enlighten'd by thy lamp.

2 Here have we no abiding home,
Our lot reproach to bear;
The city may we ſeek to come,
Where bleſſed manſions are.

3 By him who ſuffer'd on the tree,
May we preſerve from ſhame,
Right ſacrifice preſent to thee,
Thanks to thy holy name.

4 Rememb'ring we account muſt give,
Let us with conſcience pure,
In all concerns uprightly live,
And to the end endure.

5 Good to the hungry, or diſeas'd,
May not our hands forget;
For with this off'ring thou art pleas'd,
Thron'd on thy mercy-ſeat.

HYMN CXXII. C. M.

God glorified in humble worſhip. Pſ. xcv. xcvi.
John iv. 24.

1 GREAT above all is GOD the LORD,
Moſt high eternal Rock!
Salvation's paſture is his word,
And we the feeding flock.

2 Deep places all are in his hand,
With ſtrength of all the hills;
He form'd the ſea, and furrow'd land,
And heav'n his glory fills.

3 Before his preſence ſhould we bow;
And in thankſgiving ſongs,
From ev'ry tongue let praiſes flow,
Glory to GOD belongs.

4 In beauty of pure holineſs,
Let all their homage bring;
His glorious majeſty confeſs,
And his high honours ſing.

5 To GOD exalt the joyful voice,
And humble vows renew;
In worſhip with the heav'ns rejoice,
Great glory is his due.

6 To-day may we with ſolemn fear,
His ſacred voice attend;
That when he comes, we may appear,
To know the Judge our Friend.

HYMN CXXIII. C. M.

Divine Fidelity. Deut. xxxii. 2, 3. Pſ. cxi.

1 GREAT are the wonders of the LORD,
With glory bright they ſhine;
To them who ſeek, his ways afford
A pleaſure moſt divine.

2 His mighty pow'r their eyes have ſeen,
His ſtatutes wiſe and ſure;
They know his verity hath been
A heritage ſecure.

3 He ſent redemption long deſign'd,
Moſt rev'rend is his name!
Holy and upright all his mind,
Through time his will the ſame.

4 His righteouſneſs without decay,
For ever ſhall endure;
And wonderful compaſſion's ray,
O'ercaſts a luſtre pure.

5 Still full of grace he keeps in mind
The cov'nant of his love;
And men who fear his name ſhall find
His truth will never move.

6 To fear the LORD, with love devout,
Rich wiſdom well ſupplies;
And they who ſearch his judgments out
Alone, are truly wiſe.

HYMN CXXIV. L. M.

The frowns of God on the wicked. Pſ. vii. 9. and xi.

1 GOD wiſe in thought, in dealings juſt,
The hearts and reins of all ſurveys;
Delights in men, who in him truſt,
But loathes the wicked all their days.

2 To him are known moſt deep deſigns,
The ſtates of all his eye-lids try;
And none but men of righteous minds,
Can ſtand the awful ſcrutiny.

3 If rebels turn not to his word,
And touch the ſceptre grace diſplays;
He 'll whet his dreadful glitt'ring ſword,
That with tremendous fury ſlays.

4 Oh! may their vile rebellions ceaſe,
With mercy be their hearts impreſs'd;
And may the joys of bleſſed peace
For ever on the righteous reſt.

HYMN CXXV.

The Goſpel. Eph. i. 13.

PART I.

1 GOSPEL truth's a revelation
Of forgiveneſs to mankind;
Raiſing glorious expectation,
In the penitential mind:
Here is GOD with mercy ſpeaking,
Calling, promiſing to ſave;
Smiling on the ſoul that's ſeeking
Life, and joy, beyond the grave.

2 Goſpel truth is great ſalvation,
Chief reſource of ſweet delight;
Worthy of all acceptation,
Grand its proſpect! bleſſed ſight!
It reveals divine compaſſion,
In the future bright diſplay;
When the world, in mortal faſhion,
Reaches its foretold decay.

3 Goſpel truth, by reſurrection,
Well the future ſtate explains;
Here are rules of pure complexion,
He that follows life obtains:
'Tis a lovely fruitful garden,
Fair as Eden's firſt eſtate;
Happy produce peace, and pardon,
Flaming ſwords abſcond the gate.

PART II.

Goſpel truth is rich enjoyment,
Kings and prophets wiſh'd to know;
Moſt ſublime, and bleſt, employment,
In its knowledge pure to grow!
Here's deſcrib'd the love of Jeſus,
Who to death reſign'd himſelf:
This is gold refin'd, and precious,
Other riches are but pelf.

Goſpel truth, reveal'd from heaven,
Manifeſts the door of hope;
Light of life to gentiles given,
Once in darkneſs us'd to grope:
Oh! how dreadful is the danger,
In neglecting mercy's day!
Found to bleſſed truth a ſtranger,
And at laſt be caſt away!

HYMN CXXVI C. M.

Salutary influence of the Goſpel in all its relations and glorious expectations. Tit. ii. 11.

1 GOD's grace, that great ſalvation brings,
To all men hath appear'd;
Mercy inſtructing glorious things,
In love to be rever'd.

2 Teaching ungodlineſs to hate,
And worldly luſts deny;
To cheriſh virtue in our ſtate,
And ſhow ſobriety.

3 To know the bleſſed good beſtow'd,
Looking for hope the high'ſt;

Th' appearing glory of our GOD,
And of our ſaviour Chriſt.

4 Who gave himſelf men to redeem
From all iniquity;
And draw, by truth, to LOVE ſupreme
A bleſſed progeny.

5 To purify, by goſpel grace,
From ev'ry ſin that lurks;
And make us a peculiar race,
Zealous of all good works.

6 May we all excellence approve,
Keeping our hearts ſincere;
Fill'd with the righteous fruits of love,
Till the great day appear.

HYMN CXXVII. L. M.

Humble Adoration. Pſ. lxvi. 4. 2 Cor. v. 18. Heb. xii. 28. 1 John iv. 9, 10.

1 HIGH on a throne of glory bright,
Eternity thy ſole abode;
Diffuſing rays of perfect light,
To ſeraphs known the ONLY GOD.

2 In ſtate moſt holy, moſt ſublime,
Thou reigneſt univerſal LORD;
Controuling all affairs of time,
In awe profound to be ador'd.

3 May mortals dare approach to thee,
Mere inſects to thy grand ſurvey,
Vile to the view of purity;
And near thy throne preſume to pray?

If all around thee terror blaz'd
The dreadful glare of flaſhing light;
Conſcious of ſin, and ſore amaz'd,
Such brightneſs muſt appal the ſight!

But with our GOD rich MERCY dwells,
Who deign'd its character to draw
In Chriſt—his truth dark fear diſpels,
Excited by the broken law.

In ſolemn joy to thee MOST HIGH,
Devout affections would aſpire;
With glowing hope aſcend the ſky,
And mingle praiſes with thy choir.

HYMN CXXVIII. L. M.

The Song of Moſes and the Lamb. Rev. xv. 3, 4.

HONOURS divine to GOD belong,
May we adopt a heav'nly ſong,
To glorify thy bleſſed name;
The ſong of Moſes and the Lamb.

Moſt great and marvellous thy deeds!
Through nature underſtanding reads
The perfect wiſdom of thy way;
And glories of thy majeſty.

GREAT KING of ſaints, moſt juſt, and true,
Are all the paths thy thoughts purſue;
In all the works of pow'r divine,
Thy righteous diſpenſation ſhine!

Moſt holy is thy ſov'reign throne,
Perfection dwells with THEE alone;
The heav'ns themſelves unclean confeſs,
Compar'd with thy pure holineſs!

5 Who dare before thy face appear,
And not with awe, and ſolemn fear?
Who can refuſe adoring lays,
To celebrate thy glorious praiſe?

6 All nations ſhall before thy throne,
In ſacred ſtrains of rev'rence own
Thy won'drous judments manifeſt,
In preſence of thy mercy bleſt.

HYMN CXXIX. S. M.

Praiſe to God for his Goodneſs. Pſ. xxxiii. 5.

1 How freely good is GOD!
How liberal thine hand!
Thy various bounties, ſpread abroad,
Extend to ev'ry land.

2 Thy glorious throne is high,
Thy pow'r all things performs;
Yet mercy heeds the mournful cry,
And ſuccours feeble worms.

3 Though dangers ſtand around,
And mock our impotence;
Without thy leave they dare not wound,
Thine arm's a ſure defence.

4 Let not our ardour cleave
To wild deprav'd deſires;
And guiding light of mercy leave,
To follow wand'ring fires.

5 The glory of our form
Thy truth, and goodneſs, ſings;
Safe is our ſhelter from the ſtorm,
The ſhadow of thy wings.

Thou wilt inſtruct the meek,
And guidance ſafe afford;
All good beſtow on them that ſeek
Their refuge in the LORD!

HYMN CXXX. L. M.

The beſtowments of God in nature and revelation confeſſed with devout praiſe. Pſ. cv. 1—5. Iſ. xxv. 1. 2 Cor. ix 11. Eph. i. 3.

How brightly ſhine thy bleſſings LORD!
Where e'er is turn'd the rov'ing eye,
Goodness, and mighty Pow'r, afford
For ev'ry want a rich ſupply.

Thy thought which firſt deſign'd my frame,
In kind remembrance kept my need;
From infancy thy bounties came,
In providence my wants to feed.

As by thy ſkill was form'd the mind,
Wiſdom provided happy means;
Inſtruction by their light to find,
To counterbalance nature's pains.

By Chriſt, the greateſt gift of LOVE!
The bleſſed word of life is ſent,
The foreſt evils to remove;
And change to lively joy complaint.

The goſpel of his truth unfolds
The richeſt treaſures of thy GRACE;
There faith in beauteous light beholds
The glories of thy ſmiling face.

Nor ſenſe, nor reaſon, faith, nor hope,
Nor men, nor angels, can declare
The wondrous breadth of MERCY's ſcope;
The bleſſings of thy gracious care.

HYMN CXXXI. L. M.

The Divine Majeſty. Hab. iii.

1 HIGH o'er the ſpheres, ſupremely bright,
Reigns GOD in unapproached light;
Wonders of Pow'r all heav'n diſplays,
Revealing glories, for our praiſe.

2 Deſtroying plagues his pleaſure wait,
And burning coals before his feet;
His kingdom holy ſhall remain,
And perfect truth his words maintain.

3 Still ſtand the ſun, and moon, with fear,
At ſhining of his glitt'ring ſpear;
Conqueſt to gain his deep decree,
Complete the triumph men ſhall ſee.

4 Perpetual mountains trembling bow,
And frighted waters overflow;
His honours ſurely ſhall abide,
When mighty flames the world betide.

5 Salvation is his chariot high,
All ſpace his realm, yet ever nigh;
Splendours of love adorn his pow'r,
Renew'd his bounties ev'ry hour.

6 Mercy to ſhow his high delight!
Gracious the ſceptre of his might!
His glories ever brightly ſhine,
Evincing truth and love divine!

HYMN CXXXII. C. M.

Reconciliation. 2 Cor. v. 18—20.

1 HOW great O GOD thy love appear'd
Towards a guilty race!

In ſending Chriſt to preach the word
Of heav'nly truth and grace!

2 Proclaim'd by miracle, he felt
The witneſs of the dove;
Thy SPIRIT in the Saviour dwelt,
By wiſdom, pow'r, and love.

3 Moſt glorious ſcheme to reconcile,
The world to thy pure mind!
To work ſubjection to thy will,
And ſpread the truth deſign'd.

4 Stupendous plan of marv'lous grace,
To make the roving wiſe!
And meet to ſit before thy face,
Where glories ever riſe!

5 May we the goſpel's embaſſy,
Moſt cordially embrace;
And truly reconcil'd to thee,
Enjoy thy ſmiling face!

HYMN CXXXIII. C. M.

Humility. Luke xvii. 10.

1 HUMBLE opinions beſt become
Men, who have fall'n from God;
Held captive under mortal doom,
And much deſerv'd the rod.

2 Frail in our nature, apt to ſtart,
At each temptation's call,
From beſt affections of the heart,
From virtue's love to fall.

3 Oft, with a bold preſuming mind,
We ventur'd to rebel;

And where a kernel thought to find,
Found but an empty ſhell.

4 Since pard'ning mercy is promulg'd,
To cancel guilty ſhame;
What noxious pride we have indulg'd,
Should utterly diſclaim.

5 Our penitence may pity ſee,
And know the grief ſincere;
While fruits of true humility
In character appear.

HYMN CXXXIV. L. M.

Repentance. Luke xiii. 3. Acts xxvi. 20.

1 HUMBLE repentance genuine,
Cannot in meagre forms conſiſt;
Nor lives in languid ſighs for ſin,
Which ſoon as utter'd are diſmiſs'd.

2 'Tis not to ſay, I have rebell'd,
To noxious principles inclin'd;
While morbid paſſions ſtill are held,
And reformation's undeſign'd.

3 Verbal reſolves, and haſty vows,
Habits of temper to renew,
Soon vaniſh when old aims oppoſe,
Like morning clouds, and early dew.

4 Nor is contrition feeling ſmart;
Oft vipers of remorſe entwine,
With venom, round the vital part,
While vices are perſiſted in.

5 In penitence ſincere, and true,
Sins are renounc'd, that were bewail'd;
Its pure deſires in truth purſue
The way of righteouſneſs reveal'd.

HYMN CXXXV. S. M.

Chriſt the appointed Shepherd of the ſheep.
John x. 14.

1 How kind a ſhepherd Chriſt!
Who call'd his ſheep by name;
But ne'er to fatal woe entic'd,
Nor drew his flock to ſhame.

2 They patiently purſu'd
The path his footſteps led;
And trod the way to higheſt good,
Although with briars ſpread.

3 When menac'd by their foes,
Not careleſs did he ſleep;
But willingly his life expoſe,
To ſave his feeble ſheep.

4 Still dear his ſheep appear,
A little fold below;
Their ſhepherd's gentle voice they hear,
And love his mind to know.

5 His word is paſture ſtill,
There his kind office lives;
Enliv'ning hope, his gracious will,
With ſure ſalvation, gives.

6 His truths, their choiceſt food,
Rich conſolations yield;
Each ordinance, divinely good,
With heav'nly bleſſings fill'd!

HYMN CXXXVI. L. M.

The dignity of Jeſus. Mark i. 7. Luke iv. 32. Rom. i. 4.

1 HERE once the meek MESSIAH ſtood,
Surrounding light of wiſdom ſhone;

Great wonders, from the ETERNAL GOD,
Diſtinguiſh'd his beloved ſon.

2 With grief oppreſs'd, the ſaviour wept,
No common ſorrow, great in tears!
In watching, while diſciples ſlept,
Deſerted dignity appears.

3 Bright on his face beam'd marv'lous rays,
All hoſtile courage could diſpel;
The daring in attempt to ſeize,
Were terror-ſtruck, and backward fell!

4 At *Pilate*'s bar arraign'd, ſublime
In manner, his pure ſoul ſerene!
The Roman griev'd, at charge of crime,
Where greatneſs wonderful was ſeen.

5 All nature mourn'd his dying pain,
Convuls'd to ſee ſuch bloody deed!
The temple's veil was rent in twain;
The bluſhing ſun conceal'd his head!

6 Near GOD's high throne, divinely bright,
He ſtands array'd in glory great;
What grandeur ſhall poſſeſs our ſight,
His preſence in the judgment ſeat!

HYMN CXXXVII. C. M.

Chriſt the Prince of Peace. Mic. iv. and v. Acts iii. 13.

1 HEARD was the prophet's joyful theme,
Of old inſpir'd to ſing;
From *David*'s houſe, of *Bethlehem*,
Shall the meſſiah ſpring.

2 In the decree where all things hang,
Of th' everlaſting MIND,

Ere morning ſtars together ſang,
His goings were deſign'd.

3 In th' energy of his great GOD,
And high majeſtic name,
To ſtand, and ſway a mighty rod,
Of far, and glorious fame.

4 Beneath this ſceptred prince of peace,
Like waters from the fount,
Shall nations flow, with vaſt increaſe,
To *Sion*'s happy mount.

5 Loving the houſe of *Jacob*'s GOD,
They 'll ſacred paths purſue;
While ſwords ſhall plow the dormant ſod,
And never war renew.

6 See vines in peace with vigour ſhoot,
And in the fig-tree's ſhade,
In quiet gather ripen'd fruit,
And none will make afraid.

HYMN CXXXVIII. L. M.

Meſſiah's bleſſed reign. Ps. 72

1 HOW beauteous the meſſiah's name,
In prophecies of old beſtow'd;
How glorious his exalted fame,
As well-beloved ſon of GOD!

2 Wide as his juſt dominion reigns,
The poor are judg'd in righteouſneſs;
Redeem'd the needy from their pains,
And all the mountains ſhout in peace.

3 Like gentle dews, and genial ſhow'rs,
The graces of his truth diſtil;

The righteous flouriſh with new pow'rs,
Their hopes abundant bleſſings fill.

4 The wilderneſs ſhall bloom and ſmile,
All barren heaths will plenty crown;
The hills' bleak tops be fruitful ſoil,
Their corn ſhall ſhake like Lebanon.

5 Iſlands and realms their ſtores unfold,
And bleſs his name with joyful themes;
Their kings that ſhine in ſplendid gold,
To him preſent their diadems.

6 His name ſhall as the ſun remain,
All nations ſee his bleſſed days;
Rejoice his honours to maintain,
And give to GOD the glorious praiſe.

HYMN CXXXIX. S. M.

Brotherly unanimity. Pſ. cxxxiii. Eph. iv. 3, 4. Phil. ii. 1—3.

1 HOW pleaſant, wiſe, and good,
For breth'ren to agree;
Feeling a ſenſe of gratitude,
And love in unity!

2 Communing friendſhip's meet,
And GOD approves the ſmile;
Such virtue yields an odour ſweet,
Like *Aaron*'s precious oil.

3 Pure the delight, and true,
Where broils may not diſturb,
Sweet as the chaſte diſtilling dew,
Upon the blooming herb.

4 The ſons of peace are fed,
From Sion's heav'nly ſtore;

There GOD hath choiceſt bleſſings ſhed,
Ev'n life for evermore.

HYMN CXL. L. M.

Family devotion, or Joſhua's reſolution.
Joſh. xxiv. 15. Pſ. cxxviii.

HAPPY, and bleſt, the family,
Where, in pure worſhip to the LORD,
The members cordially agree;
And well improve his holy word.

Daily the off'ring ſhould ariſe
Of faith's ſincere domeſtic pray'r;
The evening's grateful ſacrifice,
Of praiſe, for providential care.

Moſt lovely ſight! where children join
With parents, on the humble knee,
In owning gifts of LOVE divine,
Conjoin'd by chriſtian harmony.

Devotion, ſweeteſt bond of peace!
Is due to our great PARENT's claim;
And he will faithful fam'lies bleſs,
That call upon his ſacred name.

HYMN CXLI. C. M.

Hope. Heb. vi. 19. 1 Pet. i. 3.

HOPE is through life the friend of man,
When pierc'd with fears acute,
His countenance with terror wan,
Deſpair's not abſolute.

Rent by diſeaſe his feeble frame,
Hope glimmers to the end,
Still quiv'ring like the dying flame,
So loth to leave her friend.

3 With mariners in fatal wreck,
Daſh'd by the ſurge's ſtrife,
Hope lingers on the ſhiver'd deck;
And but expires with life.

4 Pure chriſtian hope can well ſurvey
What mercy will perform;
Though tempeſt-beaten, ſtill the ſtay,
Life's anchor in the ſtorm.

5 We're ſav'd by hope from ruin's rocks,
Cheriſh'd by truth divine;
Through clouds to bright COMPASSION looks,
And feels a cheering ſhine.

6 For heav'n inviſible we hope,
A tranquil mind is meet:
Let faith, ſtill leaning on its prop,
In humble patience wait.

HYMN CXLII. L. M.

The conſolation of forgiveneſs. Pſ. xxxii. 1, 2.

1 HOPE is the gem in ev'ry breaſt,
Whoſe ſin with ſorrow is confeſs'd
For GOD will lend a gracious ear
To ev'ry penitential pray'r.

2 Since he will ne'er the ſuit diſdain,
No pure deſire of pardon's vain;
To all a FATHER'S grace, diſplay
His promiſes, like open day.

3 How bleſt the mind, whoſe guilty ſcore,
Is cancell'd, and condemns no more!
Whoſe lively ſenſe of LOVE divine,
In virtue proves its great deſign!

His treaſure peace, the moſt ſerene,
Natures decay is calmly ſeen;
And priz'd the boon that mercy gave,
Preluding joy beyond the grave.

5 Fiducial truſt he may repoſe,
With freedom all his heart diſcloſe,
His comfort reſts on ſolid ground,
With bleſſings compaſs'd all around.

HYMN CXLIII. C. M.

The good Samaritan. Luke x. 30. &c.

1 HURT by th' abuſe of barb'rous thieves,
And plunder'd on the road,
A wounded trav'ler friendleſs grieves,
Welt'ring in pools of blood.

2 A *Prieſt* accuſtom'd long to bleſs,
Who apathy ſhould ſpurn,
Paſs'd by this ſon of deep diſtreſs,
With cruel unconcern.

3 A *Levite* then, who mercy taught,
Beheld him writhe in pain;
Some friendly aid his cries beſought,
But all his cries were vain.

4 Then came a good *Samaritan*,
Of creed, and priv'lege, leſs;
Whoſe pity heard the groaning man,
And offer'd kind redreſs.

5 His bleeding wounds compaſſion bound,
Reſembling GRACE divine;
For him a place of comfort found,
Miniſt'ring oil, and wine.

6 The neighbour true diſtreſs releives;
And needed help to give,
Is loving neighbours as ourſelves,
This doing we ſhall live.

HYMN CXLIV.

Mercy's free invitation. Iſ. lv. 1—4.

1 'Ho! ev'ry one that thirſts,' proclaims the heav'nly lord,
'Come to the fountain of my word,
'Whoſe waters life afford.

2 'He that hath nought to buy, may come by leave divine;
'Yea, freely come for milk, and wine,
'If with a right deſign.

3 'A treaſure is the truth, containing living bread,
'All comers by true wiſdom led,
'To rich delight are fed.

4 'Why toil and talents ſpend for what ne'er ſatisfies,
'That only cheats deſire with lies,
'And precious good deſpiſe?

5 'Incline your ear to me, and wiſe attention give;
'My bleſſing take and ceaſe to grieve,
'Hear and your ſoul ſhall live.

6 'See mercy's cov'nant ſure, for a bright WITNESS giv'n,
'The people to reclaim far driv'n,
'And lead their hopes to heav'n.'

HYMN CXLV. L. M.

Prayer in adverſity. Pſ. lxxix.

1 HAVE we affliction from thy frown,
Becauſe we have thy paſture left?
Lord have we loſt the glorious crown,
Thy favour, of thy ſmiles bereft?

While low reduc'd in gloomy times,
Prevent the thoughts that might repine;
Remember not our former crimes,
O let thy tender mercies ſhine.

Though puniſhments thy hand inflict
On ſtubborn foes; yet may we plead,
That wrath be not ſeverely ſtrict,
That ſtrokes may to reforming lead.

Reveal the glory of thy name,
GOD of ſalvation, grant thine aid;
All guilt forgive, remove their ſhame,
In peace, and joy, be grace diſplay'd.

HYMN CXLVI. L. M.

Time haſtening away. 1 Cor. vii. 29.

How ſhort the time! each ſeaſon glides,
More ſwiftly than the ſtarted ſteed;
Man witneſſing its mighty ſtrides
Conceives reluctance at the ſpeed.

Feign would he ſeize the fronting lock,
Its rapid progreſs to retard;
Life's goal ſurvey'd with trembling ſhock,
The parting point to nature hard.

Still time purſues the circled race,
Man's term, the current years curtail;
With wrinkles deep indent his face,
Till eyes, and voice and vitals, fail.

Great Sov'reign of my paſſing days,
O ſpare my weak, and brittle, frame!
My life prolong to ſhow thy praiſe,
With all my ſtrength t' adore thy name.

5 Let me but ſhare a humble part
In treaſures my beſt cravings ſuit;
And ſtand recorded in thy heart,
Then waſting life ſhall joy recruit.

HYMN CXLVII. C. M.

The immutability of God. Job. xxiii. 13. Mal. iii. 6. Jam. i. 17.

1 IN uncreated light ſerene,
Divine perfections dwell;
Though diſpenſations change the ſcene,
God lives immutable!

2 Aſtray from truth, his bleſſed mind
Can never feebly range;
For ever fix'd what he deſign'd,
His counſels cannot change;

3 Like pillars of eternal braſs
God's righteous aims endure;
Firm on an everlaſting baſe,
His VERITY moſt ſure.

4 Faithful to all his ſacred word,
His promiſes and threats;
His hand is with their tenour ſtor'd,
Though juſtice kindly waits.

5 That ſin ſhould in his favour ſtand,
No means can reconcile;
Though like a ſignet on his hand
He'll pluck the man that's vile.

6 Subjection to his perfect will
Shall higheſt good ſecure;
Life that each promiſe ſhall fulfil,
And like his TRUTH endure;

HYMN CXLVIII. L. M.

The ſufferings of Chriſt. Luke xxiii. John xix.

1 IN ſending Chriſt, GOD's mercy nigh
Is with peculiar glory ſeen;
Who rich in gifts, in honours high,
Became in ſuff'rings poor, and mean.

2 Amidſt the vile o'erwhelming flood,
Whoſe furious force would nought aſſwage;
Compos'd in tranquil hope he ſtood,
To take the foaming billows rage.

3 Meek as the gentle patient lamb,
When dumb beneath his ſhearer's hand;
While mocking foes allegiance ſham,
And urge to violence their band.

4 In ſtreams his ſmitten ſhoulders bleed,
Array'd to take deriſion's ſcorns;
His hand compell'd to bear the reed,
His head the wounding wreathe of thorns.

5 Rent by the ſpikes of cruel ſmart,
While ſcoffing prieſts his pangs deride;
Their ſword of ſlander pierc'd his heart,
The Roman ſpear his bleeding ſide.

6 Calmly his ſoul reſign'd to GOD,
Great in his ignominious death;
The cov'nant ſeal'd with precious blood,
And bleſs'd his foes with dying breath.

HYMN CXLIX. L. M.

The day of Penticoſt. Acts ii.

1 IN dire revenge was Jeſus ſlain,
Whoſe office high the world to ſave;

But GOD decreed proud malice vain,
Its prey to reſcue from the grave.

2 Short was the triumph of his foes,
Short the diſciples dread ſurpriſe;
On the third day he victor roſe,
And bleſs'd with joy their weeping eyes!

3 Remaining forty days, at large
On great affairs commun'd with them;
While faithful to his ſolemn charge,
They waited at *Jeruſalem*.

4 When *Penticoſt's* high day they hail,
Aſſembled there with one accord,
They hear the ruſhing mighty gale,
And feel the SPIRIT of the LORD.

5 On each the cloven fire deſcends,
With influ'nce that to GOD belongs;
To miracles divine extends,
And pow'r to preach in divers tongues.

6 Thus for their toils divinely ſkill'd,
With truth they went mankind to bleſs:
The POW'R whoſe inſpiration fill'd,
Secur'd the miſſion's wide ſucceſs.

HYMN CL. C. M.

Chriſt's parable of the ſeed. Luke viii. 5—15.

1 IMMORTAL wiſdom's precious ſeed
Upon the earth was ſown,
By the great character decreed,
And in the goſpel known.

2 Some, falling on the trodden way,
Was plunder'd by the foe;

So truth, receiv'd with cold delay,
Can never ſhoot, and grow.

3 Some, ſpringing on the ſtony ground,
Was ſcorch'd by fervid heat;
As ſeeming joys, that firſt abound,
Afflictive ſcenes defeat.

4 While part of this important grain
Was ſtifled by the thorns;
As craving thirſt of ſordid gain
The heav'nly kingdom ſcorns.

5 But could this ſeed, divinely giv'n,
Be ſcatter'd all in vain?
Some own'd the fav'ring beams of heav'n,
And flouriſh'd by the rain.

6 The wiſe are like the fertile ſoil,
That yields a plenteous crop;
For ſheaves of pious fruit they toil,
And joy ſhall crown their hope.

HYMN CLI. L. M.

The bleſſed day of Chriſt's reſurrection.
Luke xxiv. 1—7.

1 In ſilence in the ſepulchre,
During the ſabbath Jeſus lay;
Revived on the week's firſt day,
And many ſaw their Lord appear.

2 Great was the triumph of the day,
The victʼry great the goſpel crown'd;
Whoſe glorious benefits redound
To God's high name and life diſplay.

3 'Tis chriſtian joy to celebrate
The honours of the bleſſed day,
That to rejoicing turn'd diſmay;
And gave the gates of hell defeat.

4 May we remember ev'ry day
That Jeſus died and roſe again;
Expecting glory in his train,
And fears, and ſorrows, drive away.

HYMN CLII. C. M.

Chriſt the reſurrection and the life. John xi. 25.

1 'I AM the gift of GOD declar'd,
'The reſurrection ſure;
'Life's evidence by GRACE prepar'd,
'The bleſſing to ſecure.'

2 At *Laz'rus'* grave '*Come forth*' he ſpake,
In his great Father's name,
From death's cold ſlumber to awake;
And lo! the tenant came,

3 Finiſh'd his work, ſtill mercy's ſign,
When he expir'd in pain;
Own'd in the grave by POW'R divine,
To life he roſe again.

4 GOD's firſt begotten from the dead,
To heav'n in triumph roſe;
His vict'ry bruis'd the ſerpent's head,
And muſt confound his foes!

5 He that believeth in the gift,
Though doom'd to yield his breath,
To glorious life his eyes ſhall lift,
No more an heir of death.

HYMN CLIII. L. M.

Reſurrection and Judgment. Job xix. 25—29.

1 I KNOW that my Redeemer lives,
The MIGHTY GOD, who being gives;
Here will he ſtand the latter day,
And judgment by his ſon diſplay.

2 Though feeding worms my ſkin annoy,
This body, and its reins deſtroy;
Reduc'd my vitals to a clod,
Yet in my fleſh ſhall I ſee GOD.

3 Him for myſelf muſt I behold,
Whoſe knowledge will my ſtate unfold;
When rais'd before his ſeat t' appear,
And my deciſive ſentence hear.

4 In triumph may I leave the grave,
And witneſs GOD's good will to ſave;
Joyful to ſee his face be brought,
And with the righteous ſhare a lot!

HYMN CLIV. L. M.

The Judgment. Acts xvii. 31.

1 IS there a ſound, God's awful voice,
To ſhake the ſkies, with ſolemn dread?
To bid the earth no more rejoice,
And graves reſign their moulder'd dead?

2 Is there a bar, ſupremely grand,
Heav'n's juſt tribunal then t' appear?
Arraign'd muſt all the nations ſtand,
With joy ſerene, or trembling fear.

3 Shall the exalted ſon of man,
Head of a bright retinue ſhine;

To execute great wiſdom's plan,
As judge ordain'd by pow'r divine?

4 In judgment will GOD's records riſe,
And deeds our characters decide?
Muſt rebels ſee with dire ſurpriſe,
The flaſhing wrath they once defi'd?

5 When they ſhall call, and wiſh in vain,
This moſt tremendous ſcene to flee,
Shall righteous men compoſe a train
Of glory, fill'd with ecſtacy?

6 Let expectation, moſt ſublime,
Deeply impreſs each penſive mind;
That when declar'd, 'No longer time'
We may a bleſſed portion find.

HYMN CLV. C. M.

Languor upbraided. Pſ. xlii. 11.

1 IS dying nothing in eſteem,
That we ſo ſlowly move?
Or is eternity a dream,
That we ſo faintly love?

2 Why from the treaſure of our hearts,
So little good proceeds?
Why faith ſuch glimm'ring light imparts,
The evidence of deeds?

3 MOST HOLY GOD! thy gracious will,
By Chriſt is plainly giv'n;
He taught thy pleaſure to fulfil,
And ſhow'd the path to heav'n.

4 All kind encouragement he ſpake,
Each precept breathing love;

Of richeſt good we may partake,
And yet from THEE we rove.

5 O grant enliv'ning aid divine,
Invigorate our hope;
Leſt ſever'd from the ſacred vine,
We barren branches drop.

6 No more be ſteril eaſe our bent,
Let languor paſt ſuffice;
To thee may we ourſelves preſent,
A living ſacrifice.

HYMN CLVI. S. M.

Faith's triumph; or, Abraham's ſurrender of his ſon Iſaac to the demand of God. Gen. xxii. 1—18.

1 ISAAC to *Abr'am* dear,
Born as the promis'd child,
An offer'd victim muſt appear,
Yielding ſubmiſſion mild.

2 The patriarch's faith, how great!
Such ſon could well reſign;
And GOD's moſt trying pleaſure wait,
Nor at his will repine.

3 His parent-nature pierc'd,
Yet faith could rear the pile,
While *Iſaac* of a lamb rehears'd,
With unſuſpecting ſmile.

4 On the built altar laid,
At ſtake his precious life;
Still faith the order clear obey'd,
And claſp'd the awful knife!

5 Suſpended his rais'd hand,
The inſtant death would bring:

A ram ſupplied the high command,
For a burnt-offering.

6 Becauſe he thus complied,
Accepted faith's deſign:
On his believing ſeed abide,
Though gentiles, rays divine.

HYMN CLVII. C. M.

Benevolence above rituals; or, Chriſt's miraculous cure of the withered hand on the Jewiſh ſabbath. Matt. xii. 1—13.

1 IN mercy more is GOD's delight,
Than coſtly ſacrifice;
From deeds of kindneſs in his ſight,
Sweeteſt perfumes ariſe.

2 The ſon of man, the ſabbath's lord,
This glorious truth evinc'd;
Who ſought all needful good t' afford,
And heav'nly gifts diſpens'd.

3 That day he view'd the wither'd hand,
And knew it right to heal;
Utt'ring with grace the great command,
That ſhould his pow'r reveal.

4 'Stretch forth thy hand decay'd,' he ſaid,
The man obey'd his word;
Feeling the miracle diſplay'd,
And perfectly reſtor'd.

5 Mercy, of virtues paramount,
Muſt ritual forms precede;
Prompt to relieve a creature's want,
The hungry wretch to feed.

6 If juſt to lift a hapleſs ſheep,
That's in low mis'ry laid;
To aid, and ſuccour, men that weep,
Muſt be a goodly deed.

HYMN CLVIII. L. M.

Peter's viſion. Acts x. 10, &c.

1 In heav'nly viſion *Peter* ſaw
A ſheet, with wonderful diſplay
Of all the living kinds, to draw
From rituals, doom'd to quick decay.

2 Convinc'd that nought remain'd unclean,
To juſt, devout, *Cornelius* led;
And kindred who had gentiles been,
That they might ſhare of living bread.

3 God's peace he preach'd, proclaim'd by Chriſt,
Slain, but deliver'd from the grave!
Believing they in truth rejoic'd,
That ſtill is bleſt with pow'r to ſave.

4 Moſt glorious is the truth achiev'd,
Impartial God's good will to bleſs;
In ev'ry nation all receiv'd,
Who fear him and work righteouſneſs.

HYMN CLIX. S. M.

Different ſtates and portions of the righteous and the wicked. Pſ. xxxvii. Eccl. vii. 15.

1 If men of minds deprav'd,
In what they ſcheme ſucceed;
Yet while to cruel vice enſlav'd,
Degraded ſons of need.

2 Ne'er ſhould our hearts incline
To harbour envious thoughts;
Nor may miſgiving fears repine
At their accompliſh'd plots.

3 What though they flouriſh now,
With an unwrinkled face;
Yet under ſorrow ſoon muſt bow,
And wither like the graſs.

5 Still be in GOD our truſt,
With care to do his will;
His mighty Pow'r, and Wiſdom juſt,
Can all deſires fulfil.

5 His favour is the reſt,
Worthy of patient hope;
Whoſe ſmiles give life its only zeſt,
And aid with woes to cope.

6 Though now involv'd in night,
In diſpenſations ſoon
Will righteouſneſs ſhine forth as light;
And judgment like the noon.

HYMN CLX. L. M.

Symbol of the kingdom of God in Belteſhazzar's viſion.
Dan. ii. 31. &c.

1 IN viſion *Bab'lon* ſaw combin'd
An image vaſt, of grand diſplay;
Things divers in the form conjoin'd,
Gold, ſilver, iron, braſs, and clay.

2 Cut from a mountain, not by hands,
Of man, appear'd a marv'lous ſtone;
Deſtin'd to execute commands,
Proceeding from heav'n's radiant throne.

3 Smitten by this the image fell,
To pieces dash'd each massy limb;
Its fragments, void as chaff, reveal
The emblem of the regal dream.

4 Great grew the stone this Idol smote,
Till it a mountain huge became;
To regions reaching far remote,
And fill'd the earth with wondrous fame.

5 The GOD of glory hath decreed
A kingdom, whose dominion pure
Shall on the wreck of empires tread;
And ever stand alone secure.

HYMN CLXI. C. M.

Daniel's Vision. Dan. vii. 2, &c.

1 I SAW, said *Daniel*, in the night,
In solemn vision giv'n,
Striving upon the mighty sea,
All the four winds of heav'n.

2 Lo! four huge beasts rose from the wave,
When sunder'd by the winds;
In nature emblem'd but in part,
And all of divers kinds.

3 Pinions like eagle's, iron teeth,
Distorted ribs, broad wings,
And many horns, the monsters bore,
To symbol earthly kings.

4 Th' ancient of days, pure as the snow,
Projected ruin dire;
Whose throne was like the fiery flame,
His wheels as burning fire.

5 Behold one like the Son of man,
Brought by the clouds of heav'n,
Came near; to him was glory great,
And vaſt dominion giv'n.

6 His kingdom form'd to comprehend
All peoples, nations, tongues;
To his wide realm, and glorious pow'r,
Enduring life belongs.

HYMN CLXII. L. M.

The parable of the Fig-tree. Luke xiii. 6—9.

1 IMPLANTED in the vineyard ſtood
A fig-tree, ſpreading wide, and fair,
That yearly promis'd fruit to bear;
But did the owner's hopes delude.

2 Thus to the keeper he declar'd,
'For fruits three years I 've ſought in vain,
'Th' encumb'ring tree ſhall not remain;
'Let not a ſingle root be ſpar'd.'

3 This pleaded, with compaſſion mov'd,
That one year more it might endure;
To make new trial by manure,
Then to be fell'd if not improv'd.

4 Thus ſpar'd are we from year to year,
And all advantages enjoy;
May we each bleſſing well employ,
And not like barren trees appear.

HYMN CLXIII. C. M.

The inſtruction of Children. Pſ. lxxviii. 4—8.

1 IN Iſr'el was th' appointed law,
GOD's teſtimony great;

Who order'd what the fathers ſaw,
They ſhould to ſons repeat.

2 That each ſucceeding race of men,
In *Jacob*'s ſeed t' ariſe,
To worſhip ſhould their children train,
And make their offſpring wiſe.

3 That they might ſet their hope in GOD
And follow where he leads;
Be made to know his righteous rod,
And ne'er forget his deeds.

4 Our offſpring, lovely in thy ſight,
Are dedicate to thee;
LORD we will teach them glories bright,
Thy pow'r, and clemency.

5 O may our children learn to fear,
Admire, and bleſs thy name;
Holding thy ſacred truth moſt dear,
And never come to ſhame.

HYMN CLXIV. L. M.

Self-knowledge. 2 Kings viii. 13. 1 Cor. xi. 31. 1 John i. 8.

1 IN a clear mirror *Hazael* view'd
Himſelf a monſter, with ſurpriſe;
If with ſelf-knowledge well endued,
Another form had met his eyes.

2 Better ourſelves to ſearch and know,
Than other ſcience to acquire;
Hence will the noble current flow,
Deſign'd t' extinguiſh vain deſire.

3 The latent ſprings of action known,
By truth's pure light, and cautious toil;

Each may the falſe intent dethrone,
And quench the fire that would beguile.

4 By all be true ſelf-wiſdom ſought,
Meekly to ſhine in vigilance;
Virtue of character promote,
And pleaſure of the mind advance.

HYMN CLXV. L. M.

The woman's teſtimony of love to Chriſt in waſhing his feet. Luke vii. 36, &c.

1 IN love ſincere, and hard t' expreſs,
Mary the Saviour ſought to meet;
Finding her Lord, in humble peace,
Waſh'd, and embalm'd with oil his feet.

2 Far from the great redeemer's thought
Her tears of kindneſs to diſdain;
His mercy penitents beſought,
And well enrich'd with grace the mean.

3 Though *Simon* entertain'd the gueſt,
Yet leſs regard his ſpirit mov'd;
No ſenſe of guilt his heart impreſs'd,
Nor like a ranſom'd debtor lov'd.

4 Long was the ſcore her heart bewail'd,
Panting for pardon moſt complete;
When full forgiveneſs was reveal'd,
Warm'd was her love to tokens great.

HYMN CLXVI. S. M.

The word of God divinely excellent. Pſ. cxix.

PART I.

1 INTENSELY warm deſires,
That ſpring from holy love,

The perfect oracle requires,
Derived from above.

2 GOD's ſtatutes, wiſe and ſure,
Supply inſtruction good;
And ſafely they can ſtorms endure,
Who wiſdom have purſu'd.

3 When ſullen ſhades ſurround,
His truth's a guiding lamp;
Sure as the pillar Iſrael found,
To lead the marching camp.

4 With promiſe blooms the word,
Yielding a rich perfume;
And greater ſweetneſs, than afford
The cells of honey-comb.

5 The warrior may rejoice
In gains of bloody toil;
But gain is in this ſacred choice,
Surpaſſing golden ſpoil.

6 This mutual love creates,
Clangor and ſtrife deſtroys;
Exciting hope, to heav'n relates;
And conſcience peace enjoys.

PART II.

7 Truth is the ſacred mine,
More rich than treaſur'd earth;
Man's higheſt ſkill could ne'er refine
Its gold to equal worth.

8 GOD's word is purely clean,
Its influence ſin abhors;
And purifies from ev'ry ſtain,
The ſoften'd heart deplores.

9 True is the word of grace,
Firm as the ſolid rock;
And ſtands for ſacred hope the baſe,
Enduring ev'ry ſhock.

10 When dark the fearful night,
Or waves of ſorrow roll;
His teſtimonies give delight,
And ſtay the troubled ſoul.

11 His word's the heritage
Of pureſt lively joy;
Though elements in war engage,
No tempeſts can deſtroy.

12 To love the law of GOD,
Is here true happineſs;
And iſſues in the bright abode
Of everlaſting peace.

HYMN CLXVII. C. M.

The appeal of true devotion. Pſ. cxix,

PART I.

1 JUST are thy ways, divinely ſure,
And all thy judgments right;
Thy ſtatutes LORD are wiſe and pure,
Moſt fruitful of delight.

2 Bleſſings thy faithful words proclaim,
On thee 'tis good to wait;
Thy pity's kindneſs is ſupreme,
Thy tender mercies great.

3 Open our eyes thy truth to ſee,
With all its wondrous things;
Our hope let thy ſalvation be,
That ſweet enjoyment brings.

4 Order our aims, and all deſigns,
By thy moſt righteous law;
To love that each deſire refines,
Let thy pure counſels draw.

5 May we delight to meditate
On teſtimonies true;
To ſing thy praiſe in pilgrim ſtate,
And promis'd life purſue.

6 Turn us from ſordid vanity,
By paſſion's heat inflam'd;
Thy precepts all may we obey
And never be aſham'd.

PART II.

7 If e'er we ſtray from thee, O GOD!
Our feet from peril take;
Reſtore us by thy chaſt'ning rod,
Not utterly forſake.

8 When evils give us cauſe to weep,
Thy garcious ſmiles impart;
O guide our ſteps thy ways to keep,
And make us pure in heart.

9 In confidence our hopes enlarge,
Be our enlight'ning ſun;
Undue anxieties diſcharge,
That we may freely run.

10 If in the vale of ſorrow caſt,
Still let thy favour ſhine;
And may we know the ſweet repaſt
Of peace, and joy, divine.

11 Our days let not thine anger cloſe,
Nor of thy gifts bereave;

To conſtant praiſe our hearts diſpoſe,
And graciouſly receive.

12 Uphold and keep from ſervile fear,
Salvation we entreat;
Be thou our bleſſed portion here,
In heav'n our joy complete.

HYMN CI.XVIII. L. M.

Divine condeſcenſion, or the Deity acceptably worſhipped in every place. Pſ. lxv. 2. and cxxxviii. 6. Mal. i. 11. Iſ. lvii. 15. Acts vii. 48.

1 JEHOVAH, everliving GOD!
Where chriſtians pray is thine abode;
Where worſhip is doſt thou proclaim,
Pray'r-hearing-God thy gracious name.

2 No temple grand deſires thy mind,
With gold and coſtly cedar lin'd;
No altar ſmoking incenſe-cloud,
Nor prieſt with heifer's ſprinkled blood.

3 Thy ſanctuary is the place,
Where is ſurvey'd thy ſmiling face;
To meet thy ſervants thou wilt deign,
The meaneſt cottage not too mean.

4 Here ſhines thy glory from above,
And ſpreads the radiance of thy love;
The ſun, whoſe cheering beams are known,
With half the luſtre never ſhone.

5 Here ſtands the fountain full and free,
Of truth benign, and purity;
And iſſues ſtreams to cure our pain,
That ſov'reign virtues ſtill retain.

6 LORD in thy preſence we would ſtay,
To taſte the ſtream, and feel the ray;
Where'er we go, and bear thy will,
It is thy ſanctuary ſtill.

HYMN CLXIX. L. M.

The GRANDEUR *of* GOD. Pſ. civ.

1 JEHOVAH 's great and infinite,
Honour and majeſty array
His nature, and high ſtate diſplay;
Cloth'd with the robe of glory's light.

2 Life of all life, th' eternal ſoul!
Serenely bright his ſacred ſeat,
Darkneſs he caſts beneath his feet;
There the black ſtorms, and tempeſts roll.

3 In ocean's depths his chamber beams,
The heav'ns like curtains he hath ſtretch'd,
Far as the ſpace his hand hath reach'd,
All it hath made wiſe pow'r proclaims.

4 At his command are comets hurl'd,
Th' all-knowing mind can nought revoke;
His touch can make the mountains ſmoke,
His look can ſhake the ſolid world.

5 His ſov'reign word creation binds,
Enlightens, or in darkneſs ſhrouds;
His chariot form the flying clouds,
Borne on the wings of mighty winds.

6 Bright hoſts of ſpirits round him ſhine,
Each angel his commiſſion bears;
And flaming fires, his miniſters,
Wait to perform his will divine.

7 All nature's tribes his love declare,
He ſtoops to ſcatter boons abroad:
Let man devoutly worſhip GOD,
Man the firſt object of his care.

HYMN CLXX.

The divine Government. Pſ. xcvii.

PART I.

1 JEHOVAH reigns above,
Let iſlands lift their voice,
To praiſe Almighty love;
And all the earth rejoice:
The heav'ns declare
His righteous hands;
To all the lands
His glory bear.

2 Though clouds ſurround his throne,
In perfect truth he dwells;
In all the judgments known,
He righteouſneſs reveals:
He never ſleeps;
Within his great
Dominion's ſeat,
No error creeps.

3 He darts his lightnings bright,
Before him goes the fire;
Earth trembles at the ſight,
And fears the glitt'ring ire:
His anger felt,
With burning kills,
It ſhakes the hills,
Like wax they melt.

PART II.

4 The Lord is ever nigh,
His wiſdom's light abounds;
His preſence fills the ſky,
And the whole earth ſurrounds;
No ſoul can flee
What ne'er forſook;
Where'er we look,
His hand we ſee.

5 Dread bolts, his thunder throws,
Muſt ſtubborn hearts unnerve;
Confound the ſtouteſt foes,
That graven idols ſerve:
Still Sion hears,
And calmly ſings
The joy that ſprings,
Where God appears.

6 Rich ſeeds of bliſs are ſown
In realms of pureſt light,
For all his wiſdom own,
And truſt his glorious might:
His pow'r will bleſs
The righteous kind,
Who keep in mind
His holineſs.

HYMN CLXXI. L. M.

Ardent deſires after the divine favour. Pſ. xxxviii.

1 JUDGE me in mercy, O my GOD!
Thou know'ſt how weak and frail I am;
Too prone to ſlight thy bleſt abode,
And bring diſhonour to thy name.

2 Preſent with thee is my deſire,
And all the fears my heart appal;
Rebuke me not with angry fire,
Let not thy hot diſpleaſure fall.

3 Should friends and kindred ſtand aloof,
In thee may I repoſe my truſt;
Learning to profit by reproof,
To know thy providence is juſt.

4 Shine with compaſſion's beam, O LORD!
Caſt all my guilt behind thy back;
In kind fulfilment of thy word,
Almighty truth can ne'er be ſlack.

5 In me ſubdue deſires of ſtrife,
Make me to keep thy holy law;
Thy promiſe is the will of life,
There may I conſolation draw.

6 Uphold and ſtay me with thy hand,
Be thou the comfort of my days;
Conduct me to thy promis'd land,
And fill with everlaſting praiſe.

HYMN CLXXII. L. M.

Jehovah the great Shepherd. Pſ. xxiii. Iſ. xl. 11.

1 JEHOVAH is my Shepherd now,
I cannot want beneath his care;
He leads me where green paſtures grow,
And will refreſhing reſt prepare.

2 If e'er beneath the ſultry beam,
Weary with ardent thirſt I faint;
He guides me to the cooling ſtream,
Whoſe waters ſatisfy my plaint.

3 To him my ſilent craving pleads,
My hope, and ev'ry need, he knows;
To paths of righteouſneſs he leads,
And for his name's ſake good beſtows.

4 If e'er I wander from the way,
His kindneſs will reſtore my ſoul;
And ſhould I falter in diſmay,
His tender hand will make me whole.

5 Though I walk through death's ſhady vale,
I'll ſhudder not if GOD be near;
His crook, and ſtaff, that never fail,
Suſtain me with conſoling cheer.

6 His promis'd goodneſs will provide,
And follow me through all my days;
In his free mercy I 'll confide,
And fill his dwelling with my praiſe.

HYMN CLXXIII. C. M.

David's ſeed inveſted with ſpiritual ſovereignty in the goſpel kingdom. Pſ. cx.

1 JEHOVAH ſpake to *David*'s Lord,
'Sit thou on my right hand:
'Till foes ſhall know thy mighty word,
'And yield to thy command.

2 Though doom'd to taſte the bitter brook,
He ſhall lift up his head;
His GOD with energy will look,
And make his foes afraid.

3 A glorious rod of ſtrength divine,
Shall his great ſceptre be;
And ſtubborn hoſts muſt lie ſupine,
Or from his preſence flee.

4 His people will with joy ſubmit,
And yield obedience true;
His holy beauty on them ſit,
Sweet as the morning dew.

HYMN CLXXIV. C. M.

The miracle of feeding the multitude in the deſart.
Luke ix. 12—17.

1 JESUS on earth in doing good
Diſplay'd ſupreme delight;
Imparting to the hungry food,
And to the blind their ſight.

2 Obſerving in the wilderneſs
The needy thouſands ſigh;
Compaſſion yearn'd for their redreſs,
And furniſh'd meet ſupply.

3 So vaſt th' increaſe of bread and fiſh,
His bleſſing's pow'r obtain'd;
When all had equal to their wiſh
More than at firſt remain'd!

4 From wanton waſte muſt all forbear,
With benefit ſuffic'd;
Fragments deſerve a grateful care,
Nought of free gifts deſpis'd.

HYMN CLXXV. C. M.

Divine Jealouſy. Deut. iv. 24. Heb. xii. 29.

1 JEALOUS is GOD moſt wiſe, and pure,
Like a perpetual flame
The glories of his pow'r endure,
For his moſt holy name.

His altar views with jealous mind,
Nor will accept ſtrange fire;
For ſacrifice the lame, and blind,
Or the impure deſire.

His honour preſs'd, in high pretence,
Injuſtice to promote,
The weapon made of foul offence,
Muſt keen obſervance note.

With crime t' aſſociate his cauſe,
From ſtain for ever free,
Moſt violates his ſacred laws;
And ſcorns his purity.

All ſin he loathes with perfect hate,
Nor will at guilt connive;
Moſt certain in the priv'leg'd ſtate,
Of bleſſings to deprive.

HYMN CLXXVI. L. M.

Preſumption's awful provocation, or the ſtorm of divine wrath. Jer. vii. 19, 20. 1 Cor. x. 22.

JUST is our GOD, and true his threats,
His wiſdom bright, his anger ſtrong;
The deaf in guilt, while he entreats,
Muſt know to him all pow'rs belong.

Who dare his awful name blaſpheme,
Becauſe his thoughts forbearance keep,
On horrid lengths preſume; and deem
His juſt authority aſleep.

Full draughts they drink of vice's cup,
And riot in rebellion's path;
Their deſp'rate manners treaſure up,
Fierce wrath, againſt the day of wrath,

4 Abroad GOD's dreadful terrors ſpread
Muſt boldeſt rebel hearts appal;
When ſtreams on each blaſphemer's head,
Like *Sodom*'s rain, ſhall burning fall.

HYMN CLXXVII. C. M.

Sincere obedience more pleaſing to God than burnt-offerings. Pſ. l. Mic. vi. 6.

1 KIND thoughts O GOD thy pow'r diſplays,
Pure worſhip is thy due;
How ſhall we beſt preſent the praiſe,
Acceptable and true?

2 Muſt clouds of ſmoking incenſe riſe
To ſanctify thy ſhrine?
Are altars grateful to thine eyes,
Their honours moſt divine?

3 Can fatlings from the ſtall atone
For guilt our hearts bewail?
Or, to thy pure, and righteous, throne
Muſt reeking blood appeal?

4 In victims thou no pleaſure haſt,
In odours no delight;
Thy love regards the heart that 's chaſte,
And humble in thy ſight.

5 All meet, who truly have believ'd,
Thy merciful intent;
As Chriſt's obedience was perceiv'd
Savour of ſweeteſt ſcent.

6 May we thy tender'd help improve,
Each virtue pure to prize;
And conſecrate, with contrite love,
This daily ſacrifice.

HYMN CLXXVIII. L. M.

Divine approbation ſupremely excellent. Pſ. xxxvi. 7.

1 KING of all worlds, and LORD ſupreme,
Moſt ſov'reign thy dominions call!
Eternal might thy works proclaim,
Thy kingdom ruleth over all!

2 To chariots ſome their truſt confine,
And pant for ſublunary fame;
The fulneſs of the earth is thine,
Our hopes are lifted in thy name.

3 While grov'ling minds for good enquire,
Give us thy ſmiling countenance;
More gladneſs yielding to deſire,
Than corn, and wine, and oil, advance.

4 To thee are thoughts and words the ſame,
Thy favour overſpreads the juſt;
And they who know thy bleſſed name,
In thee confide their humble truſt.

5 To upright minds, and merciful,
Thou wilt thy mercy manifeſt;
Tried is thy word, the perfect rule
That well conducts to glorious reſt.

6 When judgment ſhall aſſume its place,
May we beneath thy covert hide;
Behold in righteouſneſs thy face,
In thy reſemblance ſatisfied.

HYMN CLXXIX. C. M.

Bethel,—or the divine favour requeſted.
Gen. xxviii. 10, &c.

1 KIND are thy ways, thy mercy free,
FATHER of all ſupply;

Thy ſervants have rejoic'd to ſee,
And goodneſs teſtify.

2 At *Bethel*, *Jacob*'s pillar bore
Memorial of thy grace;
There known what bleſſings God would pour,
Though awful was the place.

3 Thy love in Chriſt, divinely bright!
Shines with a milder beam,
Than e'er appear'd to *Abr'am*'s ſight,
Than ſhone in *Jacob*'s dream.

4 May we each ordinance of love,
With lively faith eſteem;
In ev'ry word, and action, prove
Thy truth our joyful theme.

5 Be worſhip pure our happy reſt,
Guided by thy command;
May we, with ſmiling favour bleſt,
In thy kind preſence ſtand;

6 As pillars in thy houſe O GOD,
And ne'er from *Bethel* driv'n;
Moſt awful, lovely, bleſt abode,
The very gate of heav'n!

HYMN CLXXX. L. M.

The time of Jewiſh reſtoration and fulneſs of the Gentiles. Obad. ix. 11. Acts xv. 16.

1 KNOWN to our GOD his perfect ways,
Ere ſhone the ſun to meaſure days;
Wiſdom divine ordain'd the ſcheme,
Deſigning glory to proclaim.

2 Though fall'n the temple goodneſs rear'd,
Promis'd to *David*, bright appear'd,

His counſel firmly yet will ſtand;
And mighty ſtill his ſov'reign hand.

3 Vain the bold fury of his foes,
The diſmal breaches he can cloſe;
Mercy to bleſs will freely deign,
And build the ruins high again.

4 The nations all ſhall know his fame,
The gentiles all ſuſtain his name;
Embrace the pleaſure of his ways,
And ſing with joy his ſacred praiſe.

HYMN CLXXXI. C. M.

Efficacy of earneſt prayer. Luke xviii.

1 KIND is our heav'nly FATHER's ear,
To all that humbly pray;
And never was a heart ſincere,
Unheeded turn'd away.

2 If ev'n an earthly judge unjuſt,
That heard the widow's cry,
And from him long her clamour thruſt,
Could with her ſuit comply;

3 Sure HE who ſits in light enthron'd,
Whoſe mercies ever live,
Knowing all exigence bemoan'd,
Will not refuſe to give.

4 Wiſdom to grant may long forbear,
To prove the patient faith;
But bleſſings will his love prepare,
And anſwer praying breath.

5 Since GOD is willing pray'r to hear,
And ready to beſtow;

Daily to him from heart ſincere,
May pure petitions flow.

HYMN CLXXXII. L. M.

The providence and moral government of God.
Iſa. xliv. 24, 25.

1 KEPT by what pow'r is nature's frame,
The product of conſummate ſkill?
Creation's laws a mind proclaim,
The means of an all-perfect will.

2 What pilot o'er the tempeſt reigns,
Prevents the fatal craſh of things?
Who moral principles ſuſtains,
And order from confuſion brings.

3 Widely with wiſdom infinite,
God's thoughts his government diſplay;
And far as reaches reaſon's light,
His beam, extends his moral ſway.

4 But for his ruling providence,
Events are diſconnected links;
Mere empty name pure excellence,
And virtue into fiction ſinks.

HYMN CLXXXIII.

The tree of life by the living water. Rev. xxii. 1, 2.

1 KEEP me guardian POW'R ſupreme,
Safe beneath thy watchful eye;
Lead me to the chryſtal ſtream,
For my parching need's ſupply,
In the new *Jeruſalem*,
Springing from the throne on high:
Flowing gently, ſmooth, and clear,
Rill of pure immortal cheer!

Let me view the tree that grows,
Spreading wide its water'd root,
Where the bleſſed current flows,
Bearing all delicious fruit;
Sweet in ſcent as *Sharon*'s roſe,
Ardent craving ſure to ſuit;
Though I may not here be fill'd,
Let me by its leaves be heal'd.

HYMN CLXXXIV. S. M,

The ſhepherd's voice known and followed by the true ſheep. John x. 27, 28.

1 KNOWN to the Shepherd's mind
Is ev'ry feeble ſheep;
His heart is tender, true, and kind,
His cautions never ſleep.

2 And known through all the fold,
Is the true Shepherd's voice;
His cheering promiſes uphold,
Rich paſtures of their choice;

3 Where'er his precepts guide,
Or pure example leads,
They follow on, the way is tried,
Where mercy ne'er upbraids.

4 He gives eternal life,
No perils ſhould appal;
Still ſafe, though midſt malignant ſtrife,
The ſheep ſhall never fall.

5 Where the great leader's gone,
All, that his ſteps purſue,
Shall with divine rejoicing own
His bleſt predictions true.

HYMN CLXXXV. L. M.

The two Covenants univerſal. Rom. v. 21. 1 Cor. xv. 21, 22.

1 KNOWN was the cov'nant's tenour ſtrict,
What GOD would on a breach inflict;
Conditions clearly were defin'd,
And duty ſuitable injoin'd.

2 Pain, toiling, and mortality,
As ſin's effects in GOD's decree,
The earthly ſtate of man pollute,
For plucking the forbidden fruit.

3 A cov'nant of ſuperior fame,
By man with reſurrection came;
Serenely mild its terms appear,
Faith, love, and piety ſincere.

4 Belief that Jeſus is the ſon,
On whom the Father's glories ſhone;
With grace anointed to declare
Eternal truth, and bleſſings bear.

5 Affections pure this faith will yield,
The brighteſt hopes with heav'n entail'd;
Its duties to that bleſſed ſtate
In peace, and righteouſneſs, relate.

6 When the great trump of GOD ſhall ſound
To ſhake the ſkies, and rend the ground,
Believers ſhall awake to ſhine,
Array'd in light and joy divine.

HYMN CLXXXVI. S. M.

Evangelical encouragement. Luke xi. 9—13.

1 KNOCK, ſaid our bleſſed Lord,
An open door's deſign'd;

Entreat, and GOD will grace afford,
In ſeeking, ye ſhall find.

Will nature kindly plead
To heed the piteous moan;
Nor give a child, when begging bread,
A ſerpent, or a ſtone?

If parents mercy feel,
Who many evils know,
Soon as their offspring's wants appeal,
Their ſuiting gifts beſtow;

With far more willing mind,
Our heav'nly FATHER gives;
With bounteous hand, and bleſſings kind,
Each ſupplicant relieves.

HYMN CLXXXVII. L. M.

Beneficial knowledge. Iſ. xxix. 24. Jer. iii. 15. Prov. xvi. 22. 1 Pet. ii. 9.

KNOWLEDGE in truth, how excellent;
No eye but folly's can deſpiſe,
Of pureſt riſe, of high deſcent,
Its origin the GOD alwiſe.

His will form'd each collecting ſenſe,
Kindly beſtow'd the reas'ning pow'rs;
Judgment, that ſways the mind's ſuſpenſe,
And mem'ry, with capacious ſtores.

Whence verbal elements, with eaſe
Enabling ſentiments to ſpell?
The letter'd type, that well conveys
Dilated thought made viſible?

To providence divine we owe
All means of ſcience, nought to chance;

Of growth in early ages flow,
Attaining ſince to high advance.

5 To truth her nobleſt tribute pays;
In grace, reveal'd to mortal ſight,
Shines knowledge, of ſuperior rays,
To GOD and heav'n man's guiding light.

6 Here ſtands on record glorious joy,
Here bleſſing wiſdom beams complete;
All faculties find rich employ,
Its perfect rules let virtues meet.

HYMN CLXXXVIII. S. M.

Characters diſcriminated by their fruits. Luke vi. 43.

1 KNOWN by their fruits are trees;
Where'er the branches grow,
Their produce with the kind agrees;
The bearing ſeaſons ſhow.

2 The beſt, good fruit adorns;
Bad, pays the nauſeous ſap;
Figs never hang on ſpiny thorns,
Nor brambles yield a grape.

3 Prompt from the mental ſtore
The ready tongue will ſpeak;
And GOD in ſtrain devout adore,
Or, holy ſtatutes break.

4 The men of pure intent,
From treaſure of the heart,
Diſplay the fruit that 's excellent;
The vile can ne'er impart.

5 Not merely words obtain,
Good deeds muſt be diſplay'd;
For oft repeating Lord is vain,
If truth be not obey'd.

HYMN CLXXXIX. C. M.

The chriſtian virtues, conſpicuous in the characters of genuine Diſciples. Luke vi. 45. Eph. ii. 10. and v. 8, 9, 10. Tit. ii. 14.

1 KNOWLEDGE is barren void of love,
To keep the heart ſincere;
And vain religion, if we rove,
And no good fruits appear.

2 Such as adorn the chriſtian name,
Will ſeek to honour GOD;
Their characters unſtain'd with ſhame,
Muſt ſhine with light abroad.

3 The bounteous gifts of providence,
With temp'rance, are enjoy'd;
Enſlav'd to no deſires of ſenſe,
And with no pleaſures cloy'd.

4 Benevolent in word, and deed,
Aſſiſtance give, or lend,
Like virtues advocates, to need,
Far as their means extend.

5 Dove-meekneſs, join'd with ſerpent-care,
Diſplays their habits good;
With patience ills of life they bear,
And nobleſt fortitude.

HYMN CXC. C. M.

The high reward of humble allegiance to Chriſt. Luke xxii. 25, 26.

1 KINGS of the gentiles exerciſe
Dominion over them;
Accounted benefactors wiſe,
And objects of eſteem.

2 Lording authority, like theirs,
Lives not with true belief;
Among diſciples love appears,
And they who ſerve are chief.

3 Meek manners, fruits of lowly mind,
Our bleſſed lord diſplay'd;
His great concern the loſt to find,
To comfort the diſmay'd.

4 Of GOD his humble fruits approv'd,
Right heir to glory bright;
A kingdom that ſhall ne'er be mov'd,
A realm of heav'nly light.

5 All who will ſtedfaſtly adhere
To this great maſter's cauſe,
In tempting trials, when ſevere,
Shall know his bleſt applauſe.

6 High in his kingdom ſhall they ſit,
Of heav'nly fare partake;
Bright beams of glorious favour meet,
And GOD will ne'er forſake.

HYMN CXCI. C. M.

Love, death and triumph of Jeſus. Zech. xiii. 7. Luke xxii. 44. and xxiii. 47, 48. Eph. v. 2.

1 KINDNESS, beyond expreſſion great.
Our bleſſed Lord diſplay'd,
While foes were ſeeking to defeat
The truth, their tongues upbraid:

2 The SON OF MAN, whoſe meekneſs choſe
For good to ſuffer wrongs,
When moſt malignant paſſions roſe,
And gaſh'd his back with thongs:

3 The Man, near to the LORD on high,
'Gainſt whom the ſword awoke;
A ſmitten ſhepherd, doom'd to die,
The ſcatter'd ſheep forſook.

4 Chriſt felt the heavieſt billows roll
Of rage offending GOD;
And moan'd in bitt'reſt pain of ſoul,
Bedew'd, as ſweating blood.

5 Wonders, when pangs of death began,
His high diſtinction own!
This ſurely was a righteous man,
Sigh'd nature with a groan.

6 Some, preſent at the dying ſcene,
The murder foul confeſs'd;
Viewing the blood, ah! horrid ſtain!
With anguiſh ſmote the breaſt.

7 Soon came the firſt, the bleſſed day,
That made the tomb diſcloſe;
An angel roll'd the rock away,
And triumphing he roſe!

HYMN CXCII. L. M.

Happy iſſue of the Chriſtian Warfare. Mat. x. 22. Rev. 2. 10. Luke xxii. 29. 30. 2 Tim iv. 8.

1 KEPT by the mighty pow'r of GOD,
Are all who humbly bleſs his rod;
Whoſe ſtedfaſt hope, in glory ſure,
Shall ſafely to the end endure.

2 Though weak their arm, their GOD is ſtrong,
Nor will his mercy more prolong
The toils and ſtruggle of the field,
Than higher joys of conqueſt yield.

3 Their cauſe divine, their warfare good,
They combat with true fortitude;
With weapons furniſh'd, bleſt with force,
And finiſh well the chriſtian courſe.

4 All that with love, and holy fear,
Expect the final day t' appear;
And faithful unto death remain,
Shall crowns of righteouſneſs obtain.

HYMN CXCIII. C. M.

Praiſe to God moſt great and gracious. Pſ. cxlv.

1 LORD thou art great in all thy deeds,
And greatly to be prais'd;
Thy majeſty all thought exceeds,
To higheſt ſummit rais'd.

2 Each generation has to tell
The honours of thy name;
Thy mighty acts their praiſes ſwell,
And wonder-working fame.

3 Thy nature's of compaſſion full,
To wrath and anger ſlow;
Far as extends thy ſov'reign rule,
Thy tender mercies go.

4 Thy kingdom's from th' eternal age,
To endleſs age endures;
The bleſſings, that thy vows engage,
Thy faithfulneſs ſecures.

5 On thee the eyes of all attend,
Expecting their ſupply;
And all in thee behold a friend,
Whoſe aid is ever nigh.

6 GREAT GOD! to thee ourſelves we give,
And bid complaint be ſtill;
Ready to die, diſpos'd to live,
Waiting thy gracious will.

HYMN CXCIV. L. M.

Univerſal praiſe to the God of Chriſtians. Pſ. c.

1 LET praiſe devout in joyful ſongs,
From all the nations, tribes, and tongues,
With incenſe of unfeigned love,
Daily ariſe to GOD above.

2 All that have being are his ſheep,
Watch'd by his care, awake aſleep;
His goodneſs feeds, and gives defence,
In paſtures of his providence.

3 All people his, where'er they dwell,
And hear his wonders wiſdom tell;
Let all the creatures of his might
To magnify his name unite.

4 All that have reaſon's noble gift,
Should ſentiments of homage lift;
Praiſe is their talents' right employ,
In praiſe alone is worthy joy.

5 By all with mercy's volume bleſt,
In worſhip be his name confeſt;
Wherever ſtars his glories ſhow
Let praiſes for his bleſſings flow.

6 Let praiſe aſcend to ONE, the HIGH'ST!
Father of lights, the fire of Chriſt;
Parent of all the human race,
The glorious GOD! the GOD of grace!

HYMN CXCV. C. M.

The character and government of God exciting confidence. Pſ. xxxiii. 5. Job xxii. 18, &c.

1 LORD ev'ry paſſing hour declares
Thy wiſe imperial ſway;
And evidence to goodneſs bears,
Through each ſucceſſive day.

2 All creatures own providing care,
The beaſts of ev'ry breed;
And fowls, that wing the fluid air,
On thy rich bounty feed.

3 Not fate, and chance, events controul,
Time's ſubject to thy will;
Unerring wiſdom guides the whole,
Thy thoughts all nature fill.

4 With darkneſs cover'd, thee we 'll ſeek,
And at the early dawn;
At noontide thy great honours ſpeak,
And when eve's ſhades are drawn.

5 With grateful awe we view thy hand,
And each affection yield:
O let us in thy favour ſtand
And be our guardian ſhield!

6 May we be ever learning thee,
While in this frail abode;
And then by light of glory ſee,
And better know, our GOD.

HYMN CXCVI. L. M.

Unſpeakable excellence and value of the divine word. Acts xx. 24. 2 Tim. iii. 15, &c.

1 LORD! what a treaſure is thy word!
Its glorious worth was never heard;

Not ſeraphs in full height declare
What bleſſings of the goſpel are.

2 Its tidings heav'nly knowledge bring,
Diſcloſe where living currents ſpring;
Impart the balm, whoſe virtues heal,
And immortality reveal.

3 Here cleareſt evidences ſhine
Of truth, that bears the ſtamp divine;
And mercy ſtands, in faireſt form,
To feed, and bleſs, the meaneſt worm.

4 Its rules all human aids ſurpaſs,
Its tenour, like a perfect glaſs,
Diſplays to erring man how vain
All earthly honour, pride, and gain.

5 Th' eternal ſunbeam, bright in ſigns,
Pure on this poliſh'd mirror ſhines;
And at the mild refulgent rays
Our feeble ſight may ſtead'ly gaze.

6 Here the great queſtion is reſolv'd,
In which immortal hope 's involv'd;
Here is proclaim'd, what nature crav'd,
He that believeth ſhall be ſav'd!

HYMN CXCVII. C. M.

Gracious wonders of infinite power.
Pſ. lxxvii. 11, 12.

1 LET praiſe to *Iſrael*'s GOD be giv'n,
Of ſigns and wonders great;
LORD of the earth, who holds in heav'n,
The higheſt glorious ſeat!

2 With *Daniel* in the den, how good!
Near to the lions claws,

His angel with the prophet ſtood;
And ſav'd from hungry jaws.

3 How kind to his three martyrs bold,
Thruſt in the furnace flame;
His preſence made the fire feel cold,
His honour to proclaim!

4 Apoſtles for his truth immur'd
In dark, and wretched, caves,
Are by his mighty hand ſecur'd;
For whom he will he ſaves.

5 Clouds can drop food if he but pleaſe,
Or ravens plenty bear;
Or his high pleaſure pow'r diſplays
T' increaſe the little fare.

6 Or if his will permit the worſt,
Like death upon the tree,
He rules th' event to make it firſt
In glorious dignity.

HYMN CXCVIII. L. M.

Praiſe to the divine Author of our exiſtence and faculties. Pſ. xciv. 10. Jam. i. 17. Iſ. xxviii. 26. Dan. ii. 21.

1 LET GOD be prais'd for what we are,
With faculty's diſtinguiſh'd ſhare;
And talents good, his kind ſupply,
Rank'd in creation's ſcale ſo high.

2 Endow'd in ſocial ties to live,
With feelings 'bove the ſenſitive;
Reaſon, when moſt refin'd, agrees
With nature's inborn ſympathies.

3 Form'd truth revealed to receive,
With underſtanding to believe;
Hence to prefer ſubſtantial good,
And capable of grátitude.

4 Indued to know that GOD is juſt,
Worthy of all his creatures' truſt;
Wiſe hopes t' extend in calm delight
To glories pure, and infinite.

HYMN CXCIX. S. M.

The infinite goodneſs of divine Providence.
Pſ. civ. 19—27. and cxlv. 15, 16.

1 LARGE is thy family,
PARENT of all mankind!
Their eyes all daily wait on thee,
And thy rich bounty find.

2 Though like a point the earth
Amongſt the worlds appears,
To which thy pow'r hath given birth,
And each thy glory bears:

3 Though all partake the charge
Of providence moſt wiſe,
Yet here is ſeen thy bounty large,
And conſtant in ſupplies.

4 The fiſh that range the ſea,
Birds ſportive in the air,
And all the beſtial tribes, diſplay
Thy providential care.

5 Infants of little thought,
And thinking buſy men,
With thoſe to age of tott'ring brought,
Shares from thy ſtore obtain.

6 Thy goodneſs ne'er decays,
To thee all honour's due,
Where reaſon lives; adoring praiſe
May daily gifts renew.

HYMN CC. L. M.

The two diſpenſations, or the old and new Teſtament.
John i. 17.

PART I.

Mount Sinai. Exod. xix. xx.

1 LO! to his prophet ſpake the LORD,
To thee I come in a thick cloud,
That hearing MY voice ſpeaking loud,
All Iſrael may believe thy word.

2 For the grand ſcene make them prepare,
Let *Sinai*'s mount be fenc'd around,
That none to touch its ſkirt be found,
GOD's awful preſence ſhall be there.

3 On the third morning, bright appear'd
Heav'ns lightnings flaſhing round its head,
Where the thick cloud was overſpread;
And the dread trumpet's voice was heard.

4 As from a furnace, ſmoke aſcends,
When flames divine are caſt abroad;
The camp advance to meet with GOD
And ev'ry knee with terror bends.

5 When none could *Sinai*'s fire abide,
While trembled all the ſmoking ground,
And louder wax'd the trumpet's ſound;
Moſes addreſs'd, and GOD replied:

6 I AM JEHOVAH, and my rod,
With ſtrength divine, from *Egypt*'s pow'r

Redeem'd, MY HOLY NAME t' adore;
And thou ſhalt know no other GOD.

PART II.

Mount Sion. Heb. xii. 18. &c.

7 Not to the lightnings, fiercely bright,
Tremendous thunders pealing dire;
We come not to deſcending fire,
In tempeſt terrible of ſight.

8 *Moſes* was thus confirm'd with fear,
GOD's greater prophet CHRIST his ſon,
With equal pow'r his miſſion won;
And glory's mildeſt beams appear.

9 Bleſt with this mediator's grace,
We come to *Sion*'s happy mount;
To richeſt bleſſing's living fount,
And join in praiſe the heav'nly place.

10 To Jeſus' truth that life confers,
Whoſe cov'nant, like his ſtreaming blood,
Speaks better things than *Abel*'s flood,
Forgiveneſs to his murderers.

11 We come to GOD, the Judge of all,
To view the ſmiles his glory wears
As heav'nly citizens, and heirs,
In duty grateful to his call.

12 O may we ne'er refuſe with ſhame
Heav'n's gracious voice! let mercy draw
To worſhip GOD with ſolemn awe;
Still GOD is jealous for his name.

HYMN CCI. C. M.

Ebenezer, or God our Helper. 1 Sam. vii. 12.

1 LADEN with bleſſings! grateful praiſe
Is due to GOD above;
Memorial pillars may we raiſe,
And deep inſcribe his love.

2 When *Samuel* rear'd his *Bethcar* ſtone,
No praiſe could he deny;
Graceful his EBENEZER ſhone
Confeſſing GOD with joy.

3 In him we live, his guarding pow'r,
And various gifts have ſhar'd;
How righteous that our hearts adore
The patience, that has ſpar'd!

4 His bounty hath our wants ſupplied,
Our comfort been his care;
How wiſe in mercy to confide
And faithful help declare!

5 His tender mercy will redeem,
In preſent ſight diſplay'd;
Let EBENEZER be the theme
For GOD is all our aid.

6 His light by Chriſt hath bleſs'd our eyes,
And brought ſalvation nigh;
We'll praiſe till nobler praiſes riſe,
In heav'n, to GOD on high.

Ebenezer—Ebenezer
Hitherto is God our Helper.

HYMN CCII. L. M

The ſuffering Meſſiah. Iſ. liii.

1 LIKE ſheep we all have gone aſtray,
And left the heav'nly Shepherd's fold;

Pleas'd in rebellion's crooked way,
Though like degraded vaſſals ſold.

2 The Lord his gracious arm reveal'd,
By the Meſſiah doom'd to fall;
And made in him, by wiſdom ſeal'd,
To meet th' iniquity of all.

3 All view'd him without comelineſs,
A tender plant of barren ground;
His ſoul was plung'd in deep diſtreſs,
A man deſpis'd of ſorrow found.

4 Oppreſs'd, and wounded, bruis'd, and pain'd,
Deem'd ſtricken by vindictive rod;
Great grief, and ſorrow, Chriſt ſuſtaind
To reconcile our minds to GOD.

5 Like a meek lamb to ſlaughter brought,
In perfect innocence reſign'd;
His heart with peace, and bleſſing, fraught,
The pleading voice of blood was kind.

6 Moſt wiſe permiſſion here appears,
GOD's love confirm'd to man's ſurpriſe;
Truth teſtified with blood and tears,
Muſt to a glorious harveſt riſe;

HYMN CCIII. L. M.

The MESSIAH's *glorious Character.* 1 Pet. i. 8.

LET all with marvel, and delight ſurvey
The mediator of the goſpel day;
His aim from guilt blind captives to redeem,
Preceeding wonders were but types of him.

Of heav'n ordain'd to finiſh woful ſin,
And everlaſting righteouſneſs bring in:

In vain ſhall men for equal virtue ſearch
To this enduring ſtandard of the church.

The great Phyſician, ſent with truth to cure,
Mourners to comfort, make the loathſome pure;
His various gifts conſoling never cloy,
Inſtruction, life, forgiveneſs, peace, and joy.

Great were his deeds, diſplaying glorious might,
Bleſſed his path, his viſage beam'd with light;
Firſt of all teachers, prophet moſt inſpir'd,
Bright glory's ray in lowlineſs attir'd.

With wondrous grace, and dignity, he trod,
Mercy incarnate,—BRANCH elect of God;
His truth to know all nations ſhall aſpire,
And view in him the joy of warm deſire.

Kind ſhepherd—perfect pattern—heav'nly guide!
Who lov'd men living—for them bled and died;
Appointed judgment to diffuſe abroad,
Though *Joſeph*'s ſon, th' anointed SON OF GOD.

HYMN CCIV. L. M.

Excellence of genuine faith in the day of perſecution.
Eph. vi. 16. 1 Tim. iv. 10. 1 John v. 4.

1 LET darts of perſecution grieve,
In GOD MOST HIGH we will believe;
And in the ſaviour he hath giv'n,
Seal'd on the earth, and crown'd in heav'n.

2 Though men moleſt, if GOD approve,
With ſolace fed believing love;
In joy of faith will kindneſs glow,
And for their ſcorpions bread beſtow.

3 Faith is to hope the ſpring of life,
The ſhield that guards from Satan-ſtrife;

Her cater bringing conſtant fare,
And kind phyſician 'gainſt deſpair.

4 When worldly truſt is ſinking ſand,
Faith on the rock of truth can ſtand;
GOD's light, in troublous times, to ſee
Affords a perfect remedy.

5 Faith in his promiſe heav'n diſcerns,
Its theme of high rejoicing learns;
Piercing the veil that ſtands between,
And gives the ſum of things unſeen.

HYMN CCV. C. M.

The upright man approved of God. Pſ. xv.

1 LORD who ſhall in thy ſight abide,
And not the place defile?
Who in thy holy hill reſide,
To ſhare thy bleſſed ſmile?

2 The man whoſe wiſe, and upright, heart
Purſues the heav'nly road;
Who ſhuns from virtue to depart,
And utters truth to GOD.

3 His tongue, by no rank venom ſtain'd,
With ſlander ne'er upbraids;
To blemiſh fair repute refrain'd,
And for his neighbour pleads.

4 His noble mind black vice diſdains,
As odious in his eyes;
Pure virtue honours, where ſhe reigns,
And ſcorns the venal prize.

5 Cautious of vows, ſheer truth reveres,
Intents and words agree;
He to the verbal pledge adheres,
With firm fidelity.

6 Since thou doſt righteouſneſs approve,
And upright minds ſurvey;
This faithful ſervant thou wilt love,
And note his pious way.

HYMN CCVI. L. M.

The juſt man's path. Prov. iv. 14.

1 LIKE the firſt glimm'ring break of day,
That haſtens to a brilliant ray,
Are good deſires, and chriſtian hope,
Still ſeeking to extend their ſcope.

2 The juſt man's path, like morning light,
Each hour becomes more clear and bright;
The honours of his pious way
Shine, and advance to perfect day.

3 Beauteous his ornaments of mind,
Truth, meekneſs, and forbearance kind;
His virtues, like preſerving ſalt
To noble uſe his fame exalt.

4 Though calumnies his name profan'd,
They leave his character unſtain'd;
As from the poliſh'd face of glaſs,
The dews of breath bedimming paſs.

5 His end remark'd, when nature frowns,
Pure hope ſerene enjoyment crowns;
Meek patience waits the ſafe releaſe,
Calmly reſign'd his end is peace.

HYMN CCVII. C. M.

The ſeaſons of life. Eccl. iii. 1, 2.

1 LIFE has its ſeaſons, date, and end,
That regular appear,
In nature's courſe, on heav'n depend,
Like the revolving year.

2 In infancy devoid of ſtrife,
Sweet childhood blooms with joy;
Youth is the ſmiling SPRING of life,
No weighty cares annoy.

3 To ſtrength arriv'd, with vigour firm,
Manhood like SUMMER ſhines;
But tranſient ſeems the proſp'rous term,
Life's ardour ſoon declines.

4 When more advanc'd, grave manners ſuit
The thought that days are brief;
AUTUMN diſplays the moral fruit,
Or falls the wither'd leaf.

5 With hoary age, and wrinkled brow,
Man ſhows his WINTRY day;
Infirm, and tott'ring, he muſt bow
To nature's ſure decay.

6 May through life's ſtages pureſt love
Our hopeful hearts employ;
And ling'ring WINTER's ſeaſon prove
The eve of heav'nly joy.

HYMN CCVIII. C. M.

The journey of life. 1 Chron. xxix. 15. 1 Pet. ii. 11.

1 LIFE is a journey through a vale,
And ſhort the longeſt way;

At beſt its iſſue the detail
Of a brief winter's day.

2 Each traveller his burthen bears,
And of the load complains;
Yet hourly adds encumb'ring cares,
New weight of ſordid pains.

3 Around us fell diſeaſes ſtand,
And ev'ry ſtep await;
While perils form a mighty band,
Vain mortals to defeat.

4 But are there no true bleſſings here,
Does nought but woes abound?
Refreſhing ſprings of life appear,
And living manna 's found.

5 Still is the vale with mercy fill'd,
Its rays give cheering light;
With joy the future proſpect gild,
Seen through th' approaching night.

6 The narrow path may we purſue,
Of vital hope poſſeſs'd;
When weary bid the vale adieu,
And go to bleſſed reſt.

HYMN CCIX. L. M.

Death. Pſ. xc.

1 LONG ere was made the mountain'd earth,
Or wiſdom form'd the ſpangled ſky;
Before the morning ſtars had birth,
From everlaſting GOD on high.

2 A thouſand years, in thy ſurvey,
Are but the watch of tranſient night;

Man's date is but of yeſterday,
His age as nothing in thy ſight.

3 His moments like a torrent paſs,
Few are the hours his life compriſe;
He grows and flouriſhes like graſs,
Cut down at eventide he dies.

4 Who can thine anger's pow'r declare,
The force of thy conſuming breath?
For ſin's offence we mortal are,
And ſojourn troubled heirs of death.

5 Yet thou a dwelling place haſt been,
In all the generations fled;
Thy pow'r can ſay, Return again,
And make the grave reſign its dead.

6 Teach us our frailty to behold,
O let thy beauty on us ſhine!
That when our tale of life is told,
We may have hope of joy divine.

HYMN CCX. C. M.

Chriſtian Love. Luke x. 27. Rom. xiii. 10.

1 LOVE in pure truth, divinely taught,
In peace the mind rewards;
With kind and ardent wiſhes fraught,
All that exiſt regards.

2 The perfect SOURCE of light and love
Supreme affection claims;
And what his gracious thoughts approve
Attracts admiring aims.

3 The bleſſed ſaviour, though unſeen,
To love gives noble ſcope;

His beauties yielding joy ſerene,
Replete with glory's hope.

4 To all of chriſtian ſpirit warm,
And for each neighbour pleads;
Intently ſtriving to perform
Moſt beneficial deeds.

5 Love is fulfilling of the law,
And ſweetly comprehends
Whate'er can to obedience draw,
That virtue's life defends.

HYMN CCXI. L. M.

The miracle of the great draught of fiſhes.
Luke v. 1—11.

1 'LAUNCH forth into the mighty deep,
'And caſt the net till fiſh be caught;'
Spake Jeſus, who the people taught
The word of God to know, and keep.

2 *Simon* replied, inur'd to wait,
"Maſter we 've toiled all the night,
"And no ſucceſs hath met the ſight;
"Yet at thy word, we drop the net."

3 The net inclos'd a ſhoal ſo great,
They felt unable from the deep,
To raiſe the burden to the ſhip;
Near ſinking with the captur'd freight.

4 With vaſt ſurpriſe, and joy extreme,
The fiſhers ſaw their wondrous gain;
An emblem of their catching men,
And all forſook to follow him.

HYMN CCXII. C. M.

The Son of man forgiving ſin, and curing a paralytic.
Luke v. 18—26.

1 LAID on his couch, and palſied known,
A poor, infirm, ſick man
Was through th' uncover'd roof let down,
A cure from Chriſt t' obtain.

2 His great compaſſion ſaw the faith,
Conveying him with care;
And thus addreſs'd, with mighty breath,
'*Thy ſins forgiven are.*'

3 The ſcribes reject, 'Remitting ſin
'Belongs to GOD alone;'
They knew him not ordain'd t' have been
GOD's high commiſſion'd ſon.

4 Thus Jeſus, who perceiv'd their thoughts,
'Why from your heart vain talk?
'Which eaſier, treſpaſſes to blot,
'Or ſay, *Riſe up and walk?*

5 'That ye the ſon of man may know,
'On earth can ſin forgive;
'*Ariſe, take up thy couch, and go:*'
He roſe and took his leave.

6 All ſaw amaz'd the pow'r diſplay'd,
Going with fear away;
And glorifying GOD, they ſaid,
We 've ſeen ſtrange things to-day.

HYMN CCXIII. S. M.

Nature and Revelation proclaiming the God of Chriſtians.

Pſ. xcii. 4, 5. Jer. xxxi. 35. 2 Pet. iii. 5. 9.

1 MOST high and HOLY ONE,
Thy ſplendour is ſupreme;
No creature can thy preſence ſhun,
Nor equal honours claim.

2 The heav'nly canopy,
With ſhining glories ſet,
Spreads o'er the ſpacious land, and ſea,
Thy praiſes to repeat.

3 The ſun's bright morning ray,
And brighter noon-tide beam,
To all thy providence diſplay,
Thy bounteous hand proclaim.

4 Although thy glorious ſeat,
A veil of darkneſs ſhrouds,
Thy mercy to the heav'ns is great;
Thy truth above the clouds.

5 The wonders of thy love,
Their brighteſt beauties wear,
In precious doctrines from above,
The words of Chriſt declare.

6 Yes the true covenant,
By Jeſus teſtified,
A bleſſing holds for ev'ry want;
And ever ſhall abide.

HYMN CCXIV. L. M.

Holy awe and reverence of God in divine worſhip.
Pſ. lxxvi. 7. and lxxxix. 7. Heb. xii. 28.

1 MOST high and awful is thy name,
GREAT LORD of all the univerſe;
Tremendous is thine anger's flame,
And terrible thy threatning's curſe.

2 May we with ſacred fear prepare
Our hearts, devotion pure to yield;
Not ruſh to thee with heedleſs air,
As bounds the war-horſe to the field.

3 In thy vaſt firmament of pow'r,
Shine the bright glories of thine hand,
Great is our honour to adore
Thy Majeſty ſupremely grand.

4 In the deep ocean is thy way,
Where perfect wiſdom walks alone;
Oft darkeſt ſhades thy ſtate array,
Whoſe mighty footſteps are unknown.

5 All things in ſecreſy conceal'd,
Thine all-diſcerning eyes can find;
Our inmoſt thoughts muſt be reveal'd,
In judgment, by thy will deſign'd.

6 Still mercy is thy great delight,
Retaining faithful ſervants dear;
Teach us to know thy will aright,
Humbly to worſhip in thy fear.

HYMN CCXV. S. M.

The ſanctuary of God the ſeat of pure and true delight.
Pſ. lxxxiv.

1 MOST lovely is thy houſe,
O LORD of heav'nly hoſts,

More ſatisfaction here is found,
Than earthly pleaſure boaſts.

2 The ſoul that e'er has known,
Delight in thine abode;
With eager hopes deſires to come,
And meet the living GOD.

3 A manſion in this place,
To praiſe thy name is bleſt;
Ev'n ſwallows in thy temple's roof,
Have lov'd to build their neſt.

4 The man true bleſſings finds,
Paſſing the vale of fear,
Who ſojourning from ſtrength to ſtrength,
In Sion loves t' appear.

5 One day, ſpent in thy courts,
Will thouſand days exceed;
More bleſt to keep thy ſacred door,
Than tents of ſin to tread.

6 Thou art a ſun, and ſhield,
Wilt grace, and glory give;
Thrice happy they who truſt in thee,
And to thy honour live.

HYMN CCXVI.

Hannah's Song. 1 Sam. ii.

1 MY heart rejoiceth in the LORD,
Who leaves me not forlorn;
Salvation will his grace afford,
Exalting high my horn:
No holineſs can vie with GOD,
No refuge like his bleſt abode.

2 Let not th' alloy of arrogance
Be mingled with my praiſe;
GOD's knowledge ſees me at a glance,
It ev'ry action weighs:
He breaks the bows of mighty men,
And girds the weak with ſtrength again.

3 His pleaſure makes the greateſt fall,
Or gives the pooreſt worth;
His hands diſpoſe the lots of all,
To whom belongs the earth:
The LORD can kill, and make alive,
Bring to the grave, and then revive.

4 His ſervants high compaſſion ſees,
And will their footſteps keep;
When all his falter'd enemies,
In ſilent darkneſs ſleep:
The righteous GOD will judge the world,
And break his foes by thunder hurl'd.

HYMN CCXVII. C. M.

Meekneſs; or, Moſes on the top of Piſgah.
Deut. iii. 23—27. and xxxiv. 1.

1 MEEKLY the prophet of the LORD,
Meſſiah's honour'd type,
Pronounc'd JEHOVAH's ſacred word,
Heard from his awful lip.

2 Oft was the mind of Moſes tried,
By the revolting race;
Still meekneſs could in GOD confide,
Whoſe ſmiles beam'd in his face.

3 No perfect joy here crown'd his hope,
Nor could his feet attain

The land, ſurvey'd from *Piſgah*'s top,
That muſt far off remain.

4 Can we a reſt complete expect,
While in a world of toil?
Sure 'tis enough if GOD direct,
And favour with his ſmile.

5 His ſacred pleaſure may we wait,
With meek and humble mien;
And darkeſt diſappointments meet,
Moſt patiently ſerene.

6 May ſteady faith devoutly aim
To view the realm on high;
And croſs when call'd the *Jordan* ſtream,
With an enliven'd joy.

HYMN CCXVIII.

The Meſſiah's great commiſſion. Iſa. lxi. 1—3. Luke iv. 17—22.

1 MAY ev'ry heart attend
With lively ſolemn joy,
The miſſion of a friend
Should nobleſt thoughts employ;
Jeſus the man,
Of GOD belov'd,
By miracles,
And ſigns approv'd.

2 On him the ſpirit came,
Divine anointing oil;
The goſpel to proclaim,
To all the poor that toil:
His bleſſings rich,
Completely ſuit

The low, and mean,
And deſtitute.

3 Commiſſion'd grace to give,
Moſt happy truth reveal;
To make the bruiſed live,
And broken hearts to heal:
His balm divine,
And bleſſed name,
Shall long endure,
With joyful fame.

4 Endow'd the blind to cure,
And gloomy ſhades diſpel;
To preach glad tidings pure,
The year acceptable.
Captives redeem'd
Shake off their chains;
Sweet liberty,
With joy remains.

HYMN CCXIX. L. M.

The new covenant. Jer. xxxi. 31—34. Heb. xii. 24.

John iii. 16, 17. 2 Cor. v. 18, &c. Tit. ii. 11. and iii. 4—7. Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

1 MOST gracious are the cov'nant terms,
By the new mediator brought;
Whoſe miſſion was with mercy fraught,
And ſacred truth his blood confirms.

Luke xiii. 5. and xxiv. 46, 47. Acts iii. 19. and v. 31. Heb. viii. 12. 1 John i. 9.

2 If we for all our guilt relent,
And ſin forſake with contrite mind,
True peace, and pardon, ſhall we find;
All have remiſſion who repent.

Mark xvi. 16. Luke xii. 8. John v. 24. Acts x. 43. Rom. x. 9. Col. i. 20—23. Heb. x. 35—39.

3 If holy tidings we embrace,
With firm belief in truth divine,
Our faith ſhall in ſalvation ſhine;
All that believe are ſav'd by grace.

Matt. vi. 14. and xviii. 35. Mark xi. 25. Luke vi. 37. xi. 4. and xvii. 3, 4. Gal. vi. 8.

4 For us awaits a lot in heav'n,
If we, with charity of heart,
Forgive th' offence by which we ſmart;
All that forgive ſhall be forgiv'n.

Luke x. 27, 28. 37. and xii. 4. John xiii. 34. and xv. 7. 10. Rom. ii. 6—13. James i. 12.

5 If GOD and men we truly love,
And fruit this good affection ſhews;
Whether of Gentile race, or Jews,
Joint heirs with Chriſt to joy above.

Matt. v. 19. vii. 21. xii. 50. and xix. 17. Acts x. 35. Gal. vi. 8. 2 Pet. i. 11, 12. Rev. xxii. 14.

6 If gracious dictates we obey,
Sincerely ſeeking righteouſneſs;
With right to life will mercy bleſs,
As Jeſus roſe to glorious day.

HYMN CCXX. C. M.

Saul's converſion to Chriſtianity. Acts ix. and xxii.

1 MAD was the heat that Saul poſſeſs'd,
When perſecution's fire,
With furious rage inflam'd his breaſt,
To murderous deſire.

2 With martyr'd blood his heart was flush,
Intent on horrid spoil;
Resolv'd the christian cause to crush,
Though desperate the toil.

3 Arrested in his bold career,
By vivid heav'nly light,
Presumption sunk o'erwhelm'd with fear,
And terror-struck his sight.

4 Clear was the solemn voice that pierc'd,
And thrill'd his trembling heart;
With dread he heard his deeds rehears'd,
As stricken by a dart.

5 Of truth convinc'd by miracle,
Embrac'd the christian name;
Passions no more, with ranc'rous zeal,
Paul's ardent mind inflame.

6 Through life recall'd, with lively joy,
This vision from above:
The gospel's spread his dear employ,
His soul inspir'd with love.

HYMN CCXXI. S. M.

Glorious grace revealed to the apostles of Christ.
2 Cor. iv. 6, 7.

1 MOST wonderful the might
Of GOD, the only wise;
Whose sov'reign word commanded light,
From darkness, to arise!

2 His perfect wisdom's light,
Streaming from heav'n the high'st,
Shone with full beams of glory bright,
In face of JESUS CHRIST.

3 With glorious pow'r diſplay'd,
Was the abundant grace,
Th' apoſtles' minds, its ſubjects, made
To ſhine with bleſſed rays.

4 Of excellence poſſeſs'd,
To ardent warfare led;
To be with happy triumph bleſt,
And treaſures rich to ſpread.

5 Truth like pure gold was found,
Laid in an earthen vaſe,
That glorious honours might redound,
To GOD's moſt perfect grace.

HYMN CCXXII. C. M.

Abſolute contrariety; or, no uniting the ſervices of God and Mammon. Luke xvi. 13. 2 Cor. vi. 15.

1 MASTERS in nature different,
And oppoſite in claims,
Can none reſpect with pure intent;
Or ſerve with upright aims.

2 To one alone the heart will cleave,
One hold in chief eſteem;
Whate'er profeſs'd, affections leave
What they hard bondage deem.

3 No variant loves conjoin'd endure,
Other will each defy;
Never regards corrupt, and pure,
One motive occupy.

4 Mammon, or GOD, muſt be forborne,
Here 's no fair compromiſe;
Jeſus, or Belial, takes the ſcorn,
Truth falls or conquers lies.

HYMN CCXXIII. S. M.

The wonderful formation of Man. Pſ. cxxxix. 14.

1 MAN is a wondrous frame,
Though from the humble ſod,
At firſt, the mean materials came,
His great Creator GOD.

2 With what ſtupendous art,
The organs are combin'd!
Minuteſt nerves perform their part,
In vital function join'd.

3 How exquiſitely nice,
The form of ev'ry link!
Supreme the wiſdom in the voice,
That made the ſubſtance think.

4 What comprehenſive ſkill,
Endow'd the human mind,
With reaſon, judgment, paſſion, will,
For benefit deſign'd!

5 Kind care how provident,
Each throb its caution proves;
GOD's preſence is the element,
In which man lives and moves!

6 Let ev'ry ſenſe to thee,
Great AUTHOR all divine,
And ev'ry gift, and faculty,
In grateful homage join.

HYMN CCXXIV. C. M.

Death and Reſurrection. Job xiv. 1—15.

1 MAN 's like the flow'r that nature rears,
And flouriſhes a day;

At eventide he diſappears,
As ſhadows paſs away.

2 Doth GOD's omniſcient eye diſcern
His frail, and tender, frame?
By heav'nly judgment muſt he learn
His glory, or his ſhame?

3 The tree cut down, by ſcent of rain,
May ſprout with tender bud;
But man decay'd ſhall riſe again,
Truth cannot hope delude.

4 Of GOD determin'd is my hour,
And bounds I cannot leap;
And when the heav'ns ſhall be no more,
I ſhall awake from ſleep.

5 The days of my appointed time,
I 'll wait the change to come;
Thy work wilt thou deſire to claim,
From duſt, my tranſient doom.

6 To perfect wiſdom known my grave,
And all my deſtiny;
LORD thou wilt call with pow'r to ſave,
And I ſhall anſwer thee.

HYMN CCXXV. L. M.

Approaching Solemnities. Job xiv. 15, &c. Rev. xx. 11, &c.

1 MAN's hope, confin'd to this vain world,
Muſt vaniſh, death ſhall change his face;
Huge rocks ſhall from their ſeats be hurl'd,
And mountains moved from their place.

2 Thou wilt prevail O GOD of might,
All mortal things ſhall feel diſmay;

Theſe eyes ſhall cloſe upon the light,
Sun, moon, and ſtars, ſhall know decay.

3 As panting for immortal life,
Where can we look but to thy throne?
Thy thoughts are not reſolves of ſtrife,
Thine offspring thou wilt not diſown.

4 Paſt generations live to thee,
Their moulder'd relicts human ſtill;
None can be fall'n from thy decree,
The dead all ſubject to thy will.

5 Atoms disjoin'd ſtill known remain,
The fun'ral earth, and ſea, muſt teem;
We ſhall but die to live again,
And both in the ſame moment ſeem:

6 To ſee the great white throne his place,
Whoſe judgment ſhall decide the day;
From ſhining of whoſe glorious face,
The heav'ns, and earth, muſt flee away.

HYMN CCXXVI. C. M.

Bleſſed Immortality. 1 Cor. xv. 53. Tit. ii. 13.

1 MOST grand is immortality,
Commencing when we riſe
From death, by pow'r awak'd, to ſee
New light with wond'ring eyes.

2 When all before the SON OF MAN,
Bright train's diſtinguiſh'd head,
Shall own his right their deeds to ſcan,
As judge of quick and dead.

3 A holy ſtate of perfect peace,
From ſorrows far remov'd,
Bleſt ſabbath! will the good poſſeſs,
Where only virtue 's lov'd,

4 Enjoyment pure and wiſe ſhall reign,
No evil thoughts impair;
No ſin ſhall e'er admittance gain,
Nor frailty enter there.

5 Reaſon far greater ſcope enjoy,
In nature more refin'd;
To ſolace pure its pow'rs employ,
To nobleſt uſe reſign'd.

6 The weary know perennial reſt,
And never fear to fall;
Each mind will feel completely bleſt,
In GOD, great All in all!

HYMN CCXXVII.

God our Hope and Safety. Pſ. xlviii. 14.

1 MERCY is all the hope
Of ſaints, as pilgrims trav'lling through
A land, where grow no pleaſures true;
And cannot yield a prop.

2 The LORD is ever nigh
To them, who feel contrition's ſmart;
And on the men of broken heart,
He keeps a watchful eye.

3 Though troubles thick as graſs
Appear, where'er the righteous tread,
A gracious providence will lead;
And they ſhall ſafely paſs.

4 GOD is our ſtaff, and guide;
Along the thorny wilderneſs,
His love is preſent ſtill to bleſs;
In God may we confide.

HYMN CCXXVIII. C. M.

Contentment. Hab. iii. 17, 18. Phil. iv. 11. 1 Tim. vi. 8. Heb. xiii. 5.

1 MEEK-ey'd contentment thro' life's vale,
For good will calmly wait;
Shuns with impatience to bewail,
Whatever be the ſtate.

2 Amidſt the dark and threat'ning frown
Of life when moſt unkind,
Near to the foot of mercy's throne,
Retains the humble mind.

3 Though vines, and olives, fail to bloom,
And barren prove the fields;
To flocks and herds diſaſters come,
The grateful feeling yields.

4 Reduc'd to adverſe lowly toil,
Still occupies the breaſt;
Preſerves the tranquil eaſy ſmile,
A conſtant pleaſing gueſt,

5 Plung'd in diſtreſs, ſeverely tried,
And ſmarting ſore with pain;
Serene content will yet confide,
And hope for heav'nly gain.

6 Should woes the ſtaff of life deſtroy,
To comfort cedes remorſe;
In GOD is known delighting joy,
Salvation's only ſource.

HYMN CCXXIX. S. M.

Hypocriſy. Mat. xv. 7, 8. Luke xiii. 26, 27. Tit. i. 16.

1 MERE hypocrites may wear
Profeſſion's beſt attire;

And ſeem in motives nobly fair,
When rul'd by baſe deſire.

2 Indulging ſecret guile
May win the world's applauſe;
Yet vain is that approving ſmile,
Lur'd by an outward gloſs.

3 For though deceit ſhould hide
The ſtate from human eyes;
Eternal wiſdom can decide,
Piercing through all diſguiſe.

4 Be our intents confin'd
To truth ſupremely dear;
The tongue right organ of the mind,
And ev'ry aim ſincere.

HYMN CCXXX. L. M.

Dreadful futurity for all the Wicked. Nah. i. 2. 2 Theſſ. i. 7, 8, 9.

1 MUST GOD ſincerely be obey'd,
And all his ſacred will rever'd?
What doom is theirs who never pray'd,
And to their Maker vile appear'd?

2 Known was the teſtimony, borne
By GOD's own ſon, in truth proclaim'd;
And treated with rebellious ſcorn?
What portion muſt be fitting deem'd?

3 Leſs favour'd heathens, ſuch approv'd,
Will join with chriſtians to condemn
The guilty race, with love unmov'd,
Whoſe hearts would ſacred light contemn.

4 In juſt proportion to their vice,
Will GOD his ſtreaming judgment rain;
Of woe is guilt the certain price,
Acute, intenſe, long-laſting, pain.

5 Their crimes with habits are entwin'd,
Great ſuff'rings muſt their pow'r deſtroy;
They never may, when moſt refin'd,
Attain the higheſt ſtate of joy.

6 What from the memory can blot
The baneful cuſtoms, now they chuſe?
What drive the worm that dieth not,
From men themſelves can ne'er excuſe?

HYMN CCXXXI. C. M.

Superiority of divine Revelation to the works of Nature. Pſ. cxxxviii.

1 NATURE diſplays thy pow'r abroad,
And wiſdom of thy mind;
The glories of thy name O GOD
Through all thy works we find.

2 What hoſts encompaſs thou canſt drive,
And ſnatch us from the grave;
In trouble caſt thou wilt revive,
Thy hand is ſtrong to ſave.

3 To praiſe thy name with all our hearts,
Each attribute injoins;
Thy favour ev'ry good imparts,
Thy truth moſt brightly ſhines.

4 Above the wonders of thy hand,
Thy word is magnified;
There love compoſes each command,
And mercy is the guide.

5 Though high above angelic lays,
Above ſeraphic ſongs;
Thou haſt reſpect to lowly praiſe,
That flows from mortal tongues.

6 All lands ſhall hear thy words of grace,
All kings thy praiſe repeat;
Rejoicing in thy perfect ways,
And ſing thy praiſes great.

HYMN CCXXXII. L. M.

God glorified in the worſhip of his Sanctuary.
Pſ. xcvi.

1 NOW may the glories of the LORD
Admiring ſentiments employ;
Worthy is each of ſacred joy,
And praiſe devout in bleſt accord.

2 Great is his name, immenſe his might,
Through all the heav'n's bright ſhining ſpheres,
The glory of his pow'r appears,
Illumin'd by his wiſdom's light.

3 His ſtrength high majeſty diſplays,
While ſacred beauty grace ſupports,
All kindred ſhould approach his courts,
With off'rings pure of ſolemn praiſe.

4 His holy fear is excellence,
Whoſe arm th' eſtabliſh'd world ſuſtains;
O'er all his juſt dominion reigns,
And righteous judgment will diſpenſe.

5 In ev'ry clime his goodneſs known,
Making the conſtant ſeaſons roll,
With bleſſings from each frozen pole,
To midway of the torrid zone.

6 Let heav'ns rejoicing praiſe employ,
The roaring ſeas with ſongs abound;
While mountains echo back the ſound,
We joining in the gen'ral joy.

HYMN CCXXXIII. C. M.

Divine Rebukes wiſe and good. Pſ. xxxvi. 5, 6. and xciv. 12. Rev. iii. 19.

1 NATURE O GOD is full of thee,
Thy pow'r is nature's law;
Where'er we look thy work we ſee,
A work without a flaw.

2 Thy righteouſneſs like mountains great,
Whoſe tops with clouds unite;
Thy judgments deep, their awful ſeat
Lies far beyond our ſight.

3 Vaſt as the ſpace thy goodneſs is;
Thy mercies overſpread
All objects, that thy wiſdom ſees,
And mighty hand hath made.

4 Diſpleas'd by ſin, thy ſolemn frowns
May for a night endure;
Thy rod is gracious when it wounds,
A greater ill to cure.

5 Bleſt is the chaſten'd man, who learns
The good thy ſtrokes impart;
For thy moſt tender pity yearns
Over the broken heart.

6 How great the treaſure thou haſt wrought
Of bleſſings moſt ſublime;
For them who have thy favour ſought,
And known th' accepted time.

HYMN CCXXXIV. C. M.

The favour of God the chief concern, Pſ. cxliii.

1 NOT into judgment, GOD of light,
To enter now begin;
None can be clean in thy pure ſight,
From ev'ry odious ſin.

2 On gracious works, and days of old,
With joy we meditate;
And thoughts confiding wax more bold,
Paſt benefits collate.

3 Encourag'd by thy kind commands,
We ſeek thy favour firſt;
Outſtretch to thee our craving hands,
And for thy bleſſing thirſt.

4 Heed us O GOD, nor hide thy face,
Nor let our ſpirits fail;
Cauſe us to hear thy voice of grace
To anſwer our appeal.

5 Make us to know thy holy way,
To do thy righteous will;
Our ſpirits quicken truth t' obey,
To keep from murmur ſtill.

6 O for the ſake of thy great name,
And perfect righteouſneſs,
Uphold us mercy to proclaim,
And with ſalvation bleſs.

HYMN CCXXXV. L. M.

Divine Providence ruling the elements and the ſeaſons.
Pſ. cxlvii. Job xxxviii.

1 NUMBER'd of GOD are all the ſtars,
Whoſe wiſdom, with unbounded might,

Confines the elements with bars;
And o'er creation ſpreads the light.

2 The ſkies with clouds he covers o'er,
Sends rain to ſlake the thirſty ground;
The pale hoar froſt his mighty pow'r,
Like aſhes, ſcattereth around.

3 His hand contains all nature's ſtores.
Subject her laws to his controul;
Will'd by his mind the tempeſt roars,
The light'nings flaſh, and thunders roll.

4 He can deſtroy the ſtaying prop,
The bloſſom'd ear with blaſt aſſail;
Abortive make the blooming hope,
With nipping froſt, and batt'ring hail.

5 By him directed flies the cloud,
He binds the earth with icy chains;
Clothes languid nature in her ſhroud,
With ſnow beſpreading hills and plains.

6 South winds his word commands to blow,
Earth's fetters melt, and ſtreams congeal'd
Unchain'd again, begin to flow:
Words ſtill more bleſt hath he reveal'd.

7 By truth divine from darkneſs brought,
In ſhining light may Gentiles ſing;
Let praiſes never be forgot,
The GOD of Iſrael is our king!

HYMN CCXXXVI. L. M.

Divine Providence in human formation and preſervation. Pſ. cxxxix. 13—18.

2 NATURE GREAT GOD is all thine own,
The province of thy will diſplay'd;

Before the birth to thee was known
My ſubſtance, wonderfully made.

2 The ſkin, and fleſh, that clothe my frame
Of bones and ſinews, wiſdom form'd;
And ere to breathing life I came,
Thy pow'r my tender vitals warm'd.

3 My organs fenc'd by thee conjoin'd,
Preſerv'd in order by thy care,
With all the faculties of mind,
Thy gracious providence declare.

4 The daily gifts that nature yields,
Are viands of thy bounteous hand;
My feeble life thy favour ſhields,
From perils that ſurrounding ſtand.

5 How precious are thy thoughts to me,
Good LORD how glorious is their ſum!
The ſands outnumb'ring of the ſea,
Whene'er I wake, to thee I come!

HYMN CCXXXVII. C. M.

The glorious Goſpel of the bleſſed God. 1 Tim. i. 11.

1 NO gift of all the gifts of GOD,
Though each itſelf endears;
As truth diſplaying Chriſt abroad,
So excellent appears.

2 Here ſtands condemn'd what mind defiles,
Sound virtue right requires;
And mercy in high glory ſmiles
On penitent deſires.

3 Each promiſe, and pure precept, bears
The ſtamp of love divine;

And e'en each awful terror wears
Compaſſion's tender ſign.

4 GOD's free good will to ſave mankind
Runs through the bleſſed lines;
Revealing his unchanging mind,
And like a ſunbeam ſhines.

5 Dear is the goſpel's living truth,
Abiding in the heart;
To age ſupport, as light to youth,
And pledge of better part.

HYMN CCXXXVIII. S. M.

The efficacy of Goſpel Truth ſealed by the blood of Chriſt. Gal. iii. 24. Heb. vii. 19. and ix. 9—14.

1 NO patriarchal oaths,
And forms, that felt decay,
Could, with effective virtue, bind
To moral purity.

2 Nor could the legal rites,
By Moſes once ordain'd,
The conſcience cleanſe, and pacify,
With deep pollution ſtain'd.

3 But by the glorious truth,
Which Jeſus hath reveal'd,
And ratified in martyrdom,
The broken heart is heal'd.

4 This moſt ſecurely binds
To all thy will, O GOD!
May we, embracing all he taught,
Be cleanſed by his blood.

HYMN CCXXXIX. L. M.

Divine Mercy perfectly free, and without any satisfaction required. Rom. v. 15, &c. Acts v. 31.

1 NO frail ſagacity can trace
The path of the unchanging ONE;
Whoſe beams of pure ſpontaneous grace
Shine from th' eternal righteous throne.

2 No dreadful claims did Jeſus bear,
That he muſt bleed to ſatisfy;
Truth his commiſſion to declare,
And in defence of truth to die.

3 Not flaming vengeance to appeaſe,
Nor fold almighty wrath unfurl'd;
But GOD through him his love diſplays,
To ſave, and bleſs, a guilty world.

4 'Twas murd'rous anger ſhed the blood
Of pure unſpotted innocence;
Moſt wiſely overrul'd of GOD,
To ſerve his own benevolence.

5 His lamb-like patience, all-reſign'd,
To brighter glory rais'd his word;
'Twas the pure off'ring of his mind,
Sweet incenſe breathing to the LORD.

6 Jeſus by truth his ſceptre ſways,
Highly exalted to forgive;
He that repents, believes, obeys,
Shall hell eſcape, and ever live.

HYMN CCXL. S. M.

Moſaic ceremonials aboliſhed by Chriſt, whoſe truth gives life. Gal. ii. 20, 21. iii. 19, &c. iv. 1, &c. Eph. ii. 15. Heb. viii. 6, &c.

1 NOT by the ancient law,
Was perfect righteouſneſs;
The tribes, that burning altars ſaw,
Still needed chriſtian peace.

2 Old rituals could but train
For times, that ſhould reveal
Meſſiah's truth, of glorious gain,
He died in blood to ſeal.

3 With Chriſt I 'm crucified,
Spake apoſtolic love,
While yet to living joy allied,
And Sion-ward I move.

4 Though fears maintain their ſtrife,
His love gives vital ſcope;
His truth my principle of life,
The ſinew of my hope.

5 Faith in the ſon of GOD
May rays of glory ſee;
Who ſinners lov'd in ſorrows flood,
And gave himſelf for me.

6 Shadows no longer ſought,
Nor legal rites obtain;
Jeſus hath purer duty taught,
Nor could he die in vain.

HYMN CCXLI. L. M.

Chriſtian Doxology. Jude 24, 25.

1 NOW unto HIM, whoſe pow'r can keep
From falling to the dreadful deep;
Whoſe tender mercy will retain
Souls in purſuit of heav'nly gain:

2 To HIM whoſe glory can preſent
Before his preſence in deſcent,
Faultleſs, and free from all alloy,
With honour, and exceeding joy:

3 To GOD moſt perfect, only wiſe,
FATHER of all above the ſkies,
SAVIOUR of all who ſeek his face,
The GOD of truth, and glorious grace:

4 To HIM aſcrib'd all majeſty,
Dominion, pow'r, ſupremacy;
HIS NAME alone let all adore,
In Chriſt both now, and evermore.

HYMN CCXLII. C. M.

Chriſtian Doxology. Eph. iii. 20,

1 NOW to JEHOVAH, GOD moſt high,
Be adoration giv'n;
All praiſe aſcrib'd in filial joy,
As glorified in heav'n.

2 Moſt potent his right hand to ſave,
With ſov'reign mercy fraught,
Abundantly 'bove all we crave,
Exceeding all our thought.

3 According to the mighty pow'r,
That wrought on Chriſt aſleep;

Th' apoſtles fill'd with heav'nly ſtore,
And able ſafe to keep.

4 All glory through the church to GOD,
In perfect one accord;
Long as endures his bleſt abode,
By Chriſt th' aſcended lord.

Before ONE GOD let creatures all
In deepeſt rev'rence fall;
And the bright glories of HIS NAME
Let higheſt praiſe proclaim.

HYMN CCXLIII. C. M.

Chriſtian Virtue. Gal. i. 11, 12. 2 Pet. i. 3, 4. 19.

1 NOT from uncertain principles
Can chriſtian virtue flow;
That pagan theories excels,
And oſtentation's ſhow.

2 No fairy charm, Elyſian dream,
Nor blind fantaſtic joy,
Is mingled with the ſacred ſtream,
The reaſon to decoy.

3 Truth is its fountain all divine,
Pure graces well compoſe
Its tranquil joys, and each refine,
So clear the current flows.

4 All that is excellent on earth,
Or can the world adorn,
With ev'ry hope of ſolid worth,
On virtue's ſtream is borne.

HYMN CCXLIV. L. M.

Devout Meditation.

Josh. i. 8. Ps. xlix. 3. lxxvii. 12. 1 Tim. iv. 15.

1 NOUGHT can like ways of GOD excite
To meditation's pure delight,
His fields, and heav'ns display design;
All nature's wonders works divine.

2 All things, his skill and power present,
The letters of his name indent;
Faith GOD in ev'ry blade discerns,
In ev'ry star his glory learns.

3 His word with holy influence draws,
Its tidings gracious pure its laws;
There faith in contemplation dwells,
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4 There seen best antidote for pain,
There nervous wings desires obtain;
Lifting the mind o'er earthly joy,
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HYMN CCXLV. C. M.

Guilt the sting of conscience; or, Nathan's parable.

2 Sam. xii.

1 NATHAN to David, sent of GOD,
The dire relation put;
'Must not the wretch, distain'd with blood,
'Who justice could pollute;

2 'Who rich could snatch the poor man's lamb,
'With hand of cruelty,
'Incur the bane of desp'rate shame?'
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3 'Thou art the man!—Thy heinous deed
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4 With awful force the prophet's word
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And ſtagger'd ſelf-impeach'd.

5 '*Againſt the Lord I have rebell'd*,'
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The arms of Truth. 2 Cor. x. 4, 5.

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The bleſſings of the chriſtian courſe;
Or aid ſupply to ſacred claims
Of truth, that from vain hope redeems.

2 The goſpel's verity diſdains
All pow'r, that fictious forms maintains;
Its purity can ne'er unite
With means, that 'gainſt its ſpirit fight.

3 E'en for defence, it ſhuns t' employ
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5 Proofs aim their force at ev'ry fault,
Strong holds with mighty pow'r aſſault;
And facts with arguments combine,
Pointed with energy divine.

HYMN CCXLVII. C. M.

Peter's miraculous cure of a cripple in the name of Jeſus. Acts. iii. 1—11.

1 NEAR to the temple's beauteous gate,
A hapleſs cripple lay;
Accuſtom'd daily there to wait
For charity's diſplay.

2 As *John* and *Peter* paſſed near,
He begg'd them to relieve;
No gold or ſilver alms appear,
Such neither had to give.

3 But bleſt with pow'r th' apoſtle ſaith,
With wonderful effect,
'In Jeſus' name of *Nazareth*
'Ariſe and walk erect.

4 Thus truth was ſignally aſſur'd,
While ſome aſtoniſh'd ſtood,
To ſee the maimed man ſo cur'd,
Leaping and praiſing GOD.

HYMN CCXLVIII.

Spring. Matt. xxiv. 32.

1 NATURE with lovely joy abounds,
This morning of the year
Wiping the winter's tear;
Saluted by ſweet warbling ſounds.

2 The dew-drop of ſereneſt ray,
That decks the blooming ſtem,
Fair nature's brilliant gem,
Now gliſtens to the early day.

3 Rich flow'ry paſtures crown the field,
Trees put their beauties on,
By nature's pencil drawn;
And charming odours bloſſoms yield.

4 Now on the ridge her promiſe free,
'Each ſmiling plant ſhall bear
'Its precious golden ear,
'When wither'd pale the leaf ſhall be.'

5 Gay lambs in nature's innocence,
Soon as the morn began,
To praiſe incited man;
To bleſs the all-bounteous providence.

6 Largely his benefits beſtow'd,
His ſun revives the plain,
His clouds diſtil the rain;
All nature is the work of GOD!

HYMN CCXLIX.

Autumn. Acts xiv. 17. Rev. xiv. 15.

1 NOW the kind providence of GOD,
Who wiſely nature made,
Whoſe laws her realm pervade,
Commands to ſcatter boons abroad.

2 Her yielding lib'ral hands impart
A richly bounteous ſhare,
Fulfilling promiſe fair,
Diffuſing gladneſs o'er the heart.

3 Now branches bluſhing honours wear,
Their juice to fruits congeal'd,
By fervid beams anneal'd;
And ſweetly ripen'd cluſters bear.

4 The ſickle now the plain bereaves,
Cheer'd in intenſe employ,
With lively harveſt joy;
And wheels come preſs'd with golden ſheaves.

5 But groves put off their proud array;
Ah! yellow as the ſheaf,
Falls off the wither'd leaf;
So generations drop away.

6 O let us think—Where all things hurl'd,
When angels ſhall begin
To put their ſickle in;
Full ripe the harveſt of the world.

HYMN CCL. C. M.

Readineſs for the coming of the ſon of man.
Luke xii. 40.

1 NEAR is the time of our deceaſe,
Uncertain is the hour;
Our minutes conſtantly decreaſe,
And death ſtands at the door.

2 'Be ready,' is the ſacred voice,
That when death enters in,
Hope in her proſpect may rejoice;
And not her work begin.

3 When mighty death our lips ſhall ſeal,
And darkneſs ſhut the ſight;
God will the ſon of man reveal,
And all ſhall wake to light.

4 Each eye behold a ſolemn ſcene,
The judgment now proclaim'd;
And conſcience feel as life hath been,
Acquitted, or condemn'd.

HYMN CCLI.

GOD *adored in his Sanctuary for the unſpeakable gift of Jeſus Chriſt.* Pſ. cxviii. 19, &c.

1 OPEN O GOD thy righteous gate,
That we may enter in,
For bleſſings in thy court to wait,
And heav'nly praiſe begin:
The happy gate of GOD prepar'd,
Where comers welcome are declar'd.

2 The baſis, by thy mercy laid,
Builders refus'd to own,
Is now become a glorious head,
Salvation's corner-ſtone:
The ſure foundation wiſdom laid,
Folly alone can e'er degrade.

3 Thy ſon with marvellous deſign,
Commiſſion'd by thy voice,
Appear'd to utter truth divine,
And make our hearts rejoice:
Bleſſed is he who meekly came,
To ſpeak the glories of thy name.

4 From death deliver'd by thy hand,
In merciful diſplay,
To teſtify the promis'd land,
And ſhow the living way:
This is the day of glorious might,
Of truth divine, and bleſſed light.

5 To mercy's altar, now diſplay'd,
At pity's call we flee;
Accept the worſhip humbly paid,
And ſend proſperity.
Help us with cords of love to bind
The off'ring of a contrite mind.

HYMN CCLII. C. M.

The favour of God humbly ſought. Pſ. lxxiii. 25. lxxiv. 16. lxxvi. 10. lxxvii. 8, &c.

1 O God of grace thy love to ſee,
In worſhip we aſpire;
For whom have we in heav'n but thee,
Or on the earth deſire.

2 Oft have our fickle hearts complain'd,
As though of help depriv'd;
And from revealed grace refrain'd,
As if we truth ſurviv'd.

3 Thy mercies ſtill in glory ſhine,
Moſt juſt is thy right hand;
Still mighty is thy pow'r divine,
Deliv'rance to command.

4 The wrath of man ſhall praiſe thy name,
The reſt canſt thou reſtrain;
At thy rebuke his pride is ſhame,
And all his boaſting vain.

5 Thine is the day, and darkſome night,
Summer, and winter, thine;
Thy hand prepar'd the ſun with light,
And gave it pow'r to ſhine.

6 Thy footſteps in the mighty deep,
No human art can trace;
But all thy ſacred dwelling keep,
Behold thy gracious face.

HYMN CCLIII. S. M.

Humility's appeal to God. Ps. cxliii.

1 O LORD, my ſov'reign King,
Give ear to my requeſt,
And let thy faithful goodneſs bring
An anſwer to my breaſt.

2 Bring not my ſins to light,
My guilt let mercy hide,
For in thy perfect judgment's ſight,
Can none be juſtified.

3 My ſpirit is too cold,
My heart too deſolate;
Yet I remember days of old,
On bleſſings meditate.

4 The wonders of thy hand,
My muſing thoughts employ;
Still panting in a thirſty land,
Thy preſence to enjoy.

5 Cauſe me thy truth to hear,
And walk the way that's juſt;
Thy loving kindneſs make appear,
And there confirm my truſt.

6 Teach me to do thy will,
With quick'ning favour bleſs;
And lead me to the holy hill
Of perfect rigteouſneſs.

HYMN CCLIV. C. M.

The pattern of devotion taught by Jesus Christ. Matt. vi. 9—13.

1 OUR FATHER who in heaven art,
In majesty array'd;
Thy glory is survey'd in part,
In all things thou hast made.

2 Thy name be hallow'd through the earth,
In wise and holy fear;
Thy love esteem'd of highest worth,
With joy and praise sincere.

3 Thy kingdom come in purity,
In just dominion wide;
That men of ev'ry clime may see
Salvation, sure and tried.

4 Thy sacred will on earth be done,
As in high heav'n perform'd;
Let all the ways of Zion run,
Enlighten'd, cheer'd, and warm'd.

5 Daily may we our bread receive,
And all temptations flee;
Forgive us as we would forgive,
And bless an enemy.

6 Thine is the kingdom all divine,
All flesh shall thee adore;
The throne of life and pow'r is thine,
And glory evermore.

HYMN CCLV. S. M.

Divine Power and Immutability. Ps. cii. 25—28.

1 OF old GOD's pow'r hath laid
The earth's foundation deep;

The ſtarry heav'ns his hands outſpread,
Their lights in order keep.

2 But earth muſt ruin find,
O'erthrown its mortal tents;
And not a veſtige left behind,
Of its proud monuments.

3 The brilliant ſkies ſhall flee,
As garments worn decay;
Chang'd like a veſture ſhall they be,
Wax old, and paſs away.

4 The LORD of light alone
Imperiſhable ſits;
High on his own celeſtial throne,
And all his will completes.

5 His ſceptre ſtill endures,
His nature keeps the ſame,
Whoſe pow'r to endleſs years ſecures
The glory of his name.

6 His ſervants, and their ſeed,
Shall a new life obtain;
For all the upright is decreed
Glory's immortal gain.

HYMN CCLVI. C. M.

The goodneſs and Providence of God. Pſ. lxv.

1 O GOD thy praiſe in Sion waits,
To thee be vows perform'd;
Thou heareſt pray'r when trouble beats,
And fears the heart have ſtorm'd.

2 To thee ſhould come all fleſh with awe,
For thou wilt ſin forgive;

And bleſt are they thy mercies draw,
In thine abode to live.

3 The ſure ſalvation of thy hand,
Muſt all the earth adore;
Strong as the ſettled mountains ſtand,
Faſt girded by thy pow'r.

4 Thou doſt the ſtormy waves allay,
Though high the tumult's voice;
The coming, and the parting, day
Thou makeſt to rejoice.

5 The earth thy viſitation feels,
In clouds thy treaſures borne
Make glad the paſtures, and the hills,
And bleſs the ſpringing corn.

6 Thy bounties load the world's wide plain,
And vales their honours bring;
With flocks, and fruits, and golden grain,
They ſhout for joy and ſing.

HYMN CCLVII.

Deſires of early piety. (An Ode for Youth.)
Eccl. xii. 1.

O LET me note the ſpeed of precious time,
As flows the current, vaniſhes my prime;
Reſolve to-day pernicious paths to flee,
And keep in mind that vice is miſery.

Know my CREATOR, ſeek his will to pleaſe,
With conſcience free from guile, from guilt at eaſe;
At nought repine, in others' good rejoice,
The deeds of ſweet benevolence my choice.

At wiſdom's gate may early life be ſpent,
Faithful to truth, on good attainments bent;

Revolving virtue is the price of joy,
Mine to preſerve, no others to deſtroy.

O let my eyes the ſacred page ſurvey,
Pure wiſdom trace, enlighten'd by its ray;
Be peace eſteem'd, and cheriſh'd calm content,
Admir'd, and priz'd, the ſaviour GOD hath ſent.

HYMN CCLVIII.

Penitential pleading. (An Ode for the Aged.)
Pſ. cxxx.

OUT of the dark depths have I cri'd unto thee,
And ſtill LORD appeal to thy great clemency,
Though drooping with ſadneſs, and ready to faint,
O give a kind ear to the voice of my plaint.

If thou ſhouldſt all crimſon iniquities mark,
What mortal could ſtand, or ſee hope as a ſpark?
But glory divine, moſt forgiving and mild,
On all ſincere ſeekers in mercy has ſmil'd.

For GOD will I wait, in whom pity reſides,
My hope in the word of his promiſe confides,
More than on ſick beds of ſore languiſhing borne,
With longing deſire ſome watch for the morn.

How rich is the mercy that ſhines from his throne,
That Iſrael of old, and ſince millions have known!
With GOD is redemption, moſt plenteous the ſtream,
In him is rejoicing, for he will redeem.

HYMN CCLIX. L. M.

Contrition pleading divine Compaſſion. Pſ. cxxx.

1 OUT of the depths to thee I cry,
LORD hear the voice of my diſtreſs;

Let me behold thy mercy nigh,
And feel thy will and pow'r to bleſs.

2 If with all-piercing ſight ſevere,
Thou ſhould'ſt remark iniquity;
Who in thy preſence ſhall appear,
How can I ſtand, or whither flee?

3 But thou haſt giv'n thy covenant,
Mild in its terms, in tenour good,
Well ſuited to extremeſt want;
And ſealed with the ſaviour's blood.

4 On thee I wait, with ſoul reſign'd,
Hope in thy word of promiſe bright;
With greater ardour pants my mind,
Than theirs who watch for morning light.

5 Where doth ſalvation plenteous flow?
Where is the mercy rich and free?
LORD 'tis my life and joy to know,
This bleſt redemption dwells with thee.

6 Yes, thy tribunal, while moſt juſt,
Hath ſtill a mercy-throne appear'd;
With thee ſhines pity for my truſt,
And pardon that thou may'ſt be feard.

HYMN CCLX.

Prophetic deſcriptions of the Meſſiah's coming.
Iſ. xi. xxxii. xl. xlix.

PART I.

1 ON Zion bleſſings wait,
Clear, and diſtinct, a voice
Cries in the wilderneſs,
A path for GOD made ſtraight;

The LORD will come,
Prepare the way,
He, by his ſon,
Will grace diſplay.

2 His beauty ſome deſpiſe,
Till wonders make him known;
Yet will his Father own
Him glorious in his eyes;
Moſt mighty pow'r
Will GOD reveal,
All fleſh ſhall ſee
In Chriſt the ſeal.

3 High mountains ſhall be low,
Rough crooked places plain,
Waſtes lovely verdure gain,
And vales exalting know;
The lame, and blind,
His hand will lead;
And wolves, and lambs,
Together feed.

PART II.

4 The man a king ſhall ſtand,
His reign be juſt and pure;
His truth a covert ſure,
To bleſs a weary land.
The refuge ſtrong
For ſafe retreat,
When high with rage,
The tempeſts beat.

5 The ſpirit of the LORD
Will reſt upon his mind;
And all that ſeek ſhall find
The wiſdom of his word.

O'er all the earth
The Gentiles light;
From him ſhall ſhine
Salvation bright.

6 Girded with truth his loins,
His reins with faithfulneſs;
The ſacred love of peace
His righteous law injoins:
Happy in truth
To know his reſt;
In him ſhall all
Be truly bleſt.

HYMN CCLXI.

Perfect qualifications of the Meſſiah for the mediatorial character. Pſ. xl. and xlv,

1 OF old burnt off'rings GOD requir'd,
Till well accompliſh'd their deſign;
When ſacrifice no more deſir'd,
Thus ſpake his meſſenger divine:
Behold I come truth to fulfil,
LORD I delight to do thy will.

2 Great love of righteouſneſs he ſhow'd,
Pure hatred to all honours vain;
His GOD anointing oil beſtow'd
Of gladneſs, 'bove his fellow men;
Moſt fair his lips with grace impreſs'd,
As GOD's delight for ever bleſt.

3 By wiſdom bright, and grace, prepar'd,
GOD's love and truth he ne'er conceal'd;
His faithfulneſs to all declar'd,
And with ſalvation's bleſſing heal'd:
His grand ſupport the GOD of might,
Whoſe ſacred will he kept in ſight.

4 Feeding his flock he 'll never tire,
His cov'nant joys have large increaſe;
ALMIGHTY GOD, th' eternal Sire,
Shall call his name, The prince of peace:
Honour and truth his pow'r defend,
While bleſſings rich in ſhow'rs deſcend.

5 Girded his ſword upon his thigh,
In glorious majeſty to ride;
His happy train proſperity,
Bleſt truth and meekneſs at his ſide:
The ſceptre of his kingdom right,
GOD's pow'r his throne for ever bright.

HYMN CCLXII. L. M.

Liberty of conſcience the right of all. Rom. xiv. 5. 1 Cor. x. 15.

1 OF GOD's own will is freely giv'n,
Far as the goſpel ſound extends,
The righteous truth that leads to heav'n,
Great charter ev'ry right defends.

2 This ſacred page has well compris'd
All that for truth muſt be receiv'd;
Syſtems, and creeds, by men devis'd,
Can ne'er be wrong'd though diſbeliev'd.

3 By grant divine faith's rule poſſeſs'd,
With freedom there t' inveſtigate,
On its contents, to all addreſs'd,
No human pow'r may arbitrate.

4 Truth may we learn, and dare profeſs;
Though others ſhould withold aſſent,
Ne'er let us wiſh their right t' oppreſs,
But treat with candid ſentiment.

HYMN CCLXIII.

Truth propheſying in ſackcloth, and waiting for its promiſed victory over the errors of Antichriſt. Rev. xi. 3.

O'erſpread with ſackcloth, ting'd with martyr's blood,
Th' all-gracious truth of heav'n appears;
Bemoaning bitterly ingratitude,
And utt'ring prophecies in tears.

Though now caſhier'd by antichriſtian pow'r,
Whoſe vot'ries form a lengthen'd train,
Truth ſhall ſurvive the man of ſins laſt hour,
And ſmiling riſe above diſdain.

For truth to witneſs, glorious proſperous days,
With wide dominion, are reſerv'd;
No adverſe ſcenes ſhould love or hope eraſe,
As by incounters ſharp enerv'd.

Though in adverſity of GOD eſteem'd;
May we admire the cauſe divine:
O haſte the day when truth ſhall be redem'd,
And in moſt bleſſed triumph ſhine.

HYMN CCLXIV. L. M.

Miraculous deliverance from Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. Dan. iii.

1 ON Dura's plain ſtood highly rais'd
A golden image to be prais'd,
There all were order'd to repair,
At ſounding of the dulcimer.

2 Three Hebrews kept in Babylon,
Such ſacrilegious homage ſhun;
Arraign'd, true fortitude diſplay'd,
The royal edict diſobey'd.

3 On the king's viſage fury's form
Sat ſcowling, like a dreadful ſtorm;
Decreed them to the furnace great,
T' endure its burning ſev'n-fold heat.

4 Amid the flames unhurt they ſtood,
Screen'd by an angel ſent from GOD;
Safe from the furnace they return,
What GOD preſerves no fire can burn.

HYMN CCLXV. C. M.

Self-examination. Hag i. 5. Pſ. cxix. 59. 1 Cor. xi. 28. 2 Cor. xiii. 5. 1 John iii. 21.

1 OWING to GOD a grateful mind,
And aims ſincerely true;
Wiſdom injoins to ſearch, and find,
What courſe our hearts purſue.

2 Let conſcience its tribunal raiſe,
And ſummon'd there may ſtand
Each principle affection ſways,
To anſwer juſt demand.

3 How to ourſelves diſpos'd appears
The tenour of our thought?
What has engroſs'd our hopes, and fears,
Or, is moſt warmly ſought?

4 Where moſt complacently is view'd
The reſting point as found?
By hope ſurvey'd the higheſt good,
On, or above, the ground?

5 Does GOD, or Mammon, heav'n, or earth,
Moſt ardent aims excite?
Which is pronounc'd of higheſt worth,
And ey'd with main delight?

6 That object ſcorns affection weak,
Our minds ſuperior deem;
Whate'er with chief deſire we ſeek,
We love with chief eſteem.

HYMN CCLXVI. C. M.

Self-denial. Mark viii. 34. Rom. xii. 3. and xiv. 7.

1 OUR all to GOD ſhould we devote,
His due what we poſſeſs;
Such dedications well denote,
Our hearts his right confeſs.

2 Nobly ourſelves muſt be denied,
With chriſtian fortitude;
Deſires corrupting mortified,
And vices that intrude.

3 Wiſhes that ſenſual pleaſure prize,
To earthly objects cleave;
With GOD in competition riſe,
And of his right bereave.

4 Motives that envious aims import,
Or to revenge allude;
And paſſions vile of ev'ry ſort,
By faithful pow'r ſubdued.

5 Not merely ſpeak, to practice praiſe
Our lov'd habitual mode;
As our great pattern ſought to please
His righteous Father GOD.

6 Father of bleſſings grant thine aid,
All vain deſires to curb;
And by the light of mercy lead
Where fears can ne'er diſturb.

HYMN CCLXVII. L. M.

True virtue derived from the Goſpel. Luke vi. 31. Acts xx. 32. 1 Tim. vi. 3.

1 OF pleaſure while gay vot'ries ſing,
And miſers prize their golden hoard,
Let my ſincere attachment cling
To the pure goſpel of my Lord.

2 How great the goodneſs here reveal'd,
Surpaſſing rich in ev'ry page!
Its truths the living waters yield,
T' extinguiſh flames of angry rage.

3 Here taught vain pleaſure to diſdain,
In active virtue far t' advance;
Unruly paſſion to reſtrain,
And ſhun the vicious ſportive glance.

4 Here's pure benevolence defin'd,
Which curbs the ſin that would enſlave;
To love as neighbours all mankind,
And do to others what we crave.

5 In living truth example ſhines,
The pattern bright for ev'ry age;
O! may true light, ſincere deſigns,
And efforts, conſtantly engage.

HYMN CCLXVIII.

The Deluge. Gen. vii. and viii.

1 OH! never like horrors were ſeen,
The ſkies ſo profuſely to weep
For evils, which flagrant had been,
That earth was a deſolate deep.

2 On billows, diſplaying the dead,
Th' ark floated that could not be drown'd,
As far as the deluge o'erſpread;
There all the ſurvivors were found.

3 Expecting the flood to aſſwage,
Noah look'd for the heavens to clear;
A raven diſpatch'd from its cage,
And watch'd for the land to appear.

4 Vain hope its return to atteſt!
A dove from the ark had releaſe;
And finding an olive for reſt,
Return'd with an emblem of peace.

5 On *Ararat*'s mount, ſoon remark'd,
The breathing depoſited ſtore,
Beneath a fair ſky was debark'd,
To know ſuch a deluge no more.

6 The rainbow's majeſtic bright arch,
All beauties of nature combines;
Of mercy compoſes the perch,
With luſtre ſuperior that ſhines.

HYMN CCLXIX. C. M.

The chriſtian race. Heb. xii. 1.

1 ONWARD, is wiſdom's urgent call,
The bleſſed mark t' obtain;
None ſtriving to perſiſt ſhall fall,
Nor any run in vain.

2 Encumb'ring weights muſt be diſcharg'd,
Dropp'd each familiar ſin;
Preſſing, with faith's deſires enlarg'd,
The prize obſerv'd to win.

3 No obſtacles may cauſe retreat,
Oppoſing paſſions raiſe;
The goſpel will prepare the feet
To run with pleaſant eaſe.

4 Though rugged prove the heav'nly road,
And thorns infeſt the way;
With ſafety yet have many trod,
And triumph'd o'er diſmay.

5 Forgetting little progreſs gain'd,
Againſt retarding ſtrife;
The noble race muſt be maintain'd,
To the laſt breath of life.

6 Its end now glorious to the view,
Shall gloomy fears diſpel;
In joy the boldeſt hopes outdo,
And all deſires excell.

HYMN CCLXX. L. M.

Chriſtian triumph over death and the grave.

1 Cor. xv.

1 OUR doom is death, nor is th' event
That threatens at far diſtance plac'd;
Soon is life's little treaſure ſpent,
And ſmiling beauty ſoon defac'd.

2 In the dark grave muſt mortals fall
To ſilent mould'ring, ſure decay;
Yet each ſhall hear a ſov'reign call,
And riſe to ſee a ſolemn day.

3 The ſecond Adam taſted death
For all the race, and dormant lay;
GOD, in reſtoring vital breath,
Gave immortality's diſplay.

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Th' ark floated that could not be drown'd,
As far as the deluge o'erspread;
There all the survivors were found.

3 Expecting the flood to asswage,
Noah look'd for the heavens to clear;
A raven dispatch'd from its cage,
And watch'd for the land to appear.

4 Vain hope its return to attest!
A dove from the ark had release;
And finding an olive for rest,
Return'd with an emblem of peace.

5 On *Ararat*'s mount, soon remark'd,
The breathing deposited store,
Beneath a fair sky was debark'd,
To know such a deluge no more.

6 The rainbow's majestic bright arch,
All beauties of nature combines;
Of mercy composes the perch,
With lustre superior that shines.

HYMN CCLXIX. C. M.

The christian race. Heb. xii. 1.

1 ONWARD, is wisdom's urgent call,
The blessed mark t' obtain;
None striving to persist shall fall,
Nor any run in vain.

2 Encumb'ring weights must be discharg'd,
Dropp'd each familiar sin;
Pressing, with faith's desires enlarg'd,
The prize observ'd to win.

3 No obſtacles may cauſe retreat,
Oppoſing paſſions raiſe;
The goſpel will prepare the feet
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For all the race, and dormant lay;
GOD, in reſtoring vital breath,
Gave immortality's diſplay.

4 Reſembling nature's buried ſeed,
The body's in corruption ſown;
But raiſed ſpiritual, and freed
From languors, and immortal known.

5 Pure hope of triumph now may ſing,
Amid ſin's ſpoil, with ſoul ſerene,
'O death, where is thy venom'd ſting?
'O grave, where ſhall thy pride be ſeen?'

6 Thanks be to GOD who ever lives,
His name with ſounding praiſe ador'd;
His grace the joyful vict'ry gives,
Through Jeſus our aſcended lord!

HYMN CCLXXI. C. M.

Praiſe to God for his mercy and faithfulneſs.
Pſ. ciii.

1 PRAISE O my ſoul, the GOD above,
Let all within me aim
To bear in mind his faithful love;
And bleſs his holy name.

2 To ſin forgiveneſs he proclaims,
The mind's diſorder heals;
Life from deſtruction he redeems,
And tender mercy ſeals.

3 My mouth with good he ſatisfies,
And crowns me with his truth;
Like eagles ſoaring to the ſkies,
His ſtrength renews my youth.

4 For all th' oppreſs'd his arm will ſhine,
And judgment execute;
Coming with righteouſneſs divine
To all the deſtitute.

5 He may correct, yet kindly deal,
To all his promiſe juſt;
As fathers for their children feel,
He pities feeble duſt.

6 When guilt my erring mind affrights,
I'll ſeek my FATHER's face;
In ſhowing mercy he delights,
Moſt plenteous is his grace!

HYMN CCLXXII. L. M.

Humble pleading the free Compaſſion of the divine nature. Pſ. cxxiii.

1 PARENT of all above the ſkies,
As ſervants to their maſters look,
To thee we lift beſeeching eyes,
Deal not thy juſt ſevere rebuke.

2 To mercy only we appeal,
Free, and forbidding dumb deſpair,
Confiding in thy will to heal,
The num'rous maladies we bear.

3 Thou haſt proclaim'd thy gracious name
The LORD GOD merciful and kind,
Long ſuff'ring to rebellious ſhame,
Caſting iniquity behind.

4 Never waſt thou in vain beſought,
Moſt GRACIOUS GOD, ev'n thou art HE
Will deign, for thine own ſake, to blot
Tranſgreſſions out of vile degree.

5 Fair as pure wool are they who ſue,
Though crimſon-dyed their guilt has been;
And ſins of deepeſt ſcarlet hue
White, as the falling ſnow, are ſeen.

6 In Chriſts forbearance, well belov'd,
Thy pity ſhone that men might live,
In his pure heav'nly doctrine prov'd,
And in his dying prayer "FORGIVE."

7 Whoſe free compaſſion is like thine?
With none is mercy ſuch delight!
O! let us feel thy grace divine,
And keep us humble in thy ſight.

HYMN CCLXXIII.

God glorified for his Mercy. Iſa. xii. Luke xxiv. 53.

1 PRAISE divine to GOD above,
Source of free immortal love;
Yielding rivers deep, and wide,
Clear as cryſtal rolls the tide:
Streams of mercy ever flowing,
Richeſt good in Chriſt beſtowing.

2 Thanks ſupreme to GOD on high,
Sun of life, and perfect joy;
Rays of glory mildly bright,
Shed on earth a heav'nly light:
Light of mercy ever beaming,
Straying thoughts from ſin redeeming.

3 Homage pure to GOD, the LORD,
With his will in ſweet accord;
Mighty is his pow'r to bleſs,
His delight our happineſs:
Smiles of mercy ever ſhining,
Humble hopes by truth refining.

4 Glory be to GOD alone,
High on his eternal throne;

Grand his ſceptre, counſels ſure,
Sov'reign ſtatutes wiſe, and pure:
Thoughts of mercy ever reigning,
All events for good ordaining.

HYNN CCLXXIV. C. M.

Patience. Luke xxi. 19. Heb. x. 36.

1 PATIENCE thy children well becomes
GREAT FATHER of all good;
Whate'er we need thy favour ſums,
Thy gracious ſmiles include.

2 Without deſign no trouble grows,
No ſorrows ſpring from duſt;
Leſs than our ſins the greateſt woes,
Their ſharpeſt pains are juſt.

3 To bear with unrepining thought
Th' adverſities we meet,
Is duty wiſe that Jeſus taught,
With peace of mind replete.

4 Toiling with troubles' heavy load,
How bright his patience ſhone!
He calmly could appeal to GOD,
And ſay '*Thy will be done.*'

5 Thy will is wiſdom guiding all,
Of tender mercy full;
Whate'er calamities befall,
Thy pow'r can over-rule.

6 All thy great attributes that bleſs,
And all thy perfect ways,
Unchanging truth, and faithfulneſs,
Surround with glorious rays.

7 If thy perfections ſmiles diſpenſe,
By griefs we are refin'd;
In faith, and humble confidence,
Each heart to thee reſign'd.

HYMN CCLXXV. L. M.

God the Ruler of the univerſe. Or, all the works of nature harmonious in praiſing the infinite CREATOR. Gen. viii. 22. Pſ. cxlviii.

1 PRAISE is thy due, moſt MIGHTY GOD!
Th' illumin'd heav'ns thy pow'r proclaim;
Bright angels in thy bleſt abode,
Sun, moon, and ſtars, adore thy name.

2 Mountains and hills to praiſe thee ſtand,
And foaming ſhouts the rolling ſea,
Created by thy plaſtic hand,
And bounded by thy deep decree.

3 Vapours and rain, ſnow, hail, and fire,
And roaring winds, fulfil thy word;
With thunder's pealing voice conſpire
To ſing the glories of the LORD.

4 The blooming ſpring, and ſummer's heat,
Autumnal ſtores, and winter's cold,
The changing ſeaſons all repeat
Thy glories great and manifold.

5 Wild beaſts that roam the deſert place,
The tamer kinds that graze the field,
The finny tribes, and feather'd race,
In varied forms their honours yield.

6 Shall men diſtinguiſh'd 'bove the reſt,
Of thine inheritance the rod,

With reaſon and the goſpel bleſt,
Forbear to praiſe, and worſhip, GOD?

HYMN CCLXXVI. C. M.

Patient waiting for the Lord's coming, and the great harveſt. Jam. i. 2. and v. 7. Rom. viii. 25.

1 PATIENCE in trouble purely ſhines,
Adorning to the ſoul;
Nor with miſgiving haſte repines,
Though heavy billows roll.

2 In patient toil the huſbandman
Waits for the genial rain,
To ſee accompliſh'd nature's plan,
For yielding precious grain.

3 Chriſtians muſt ſow in patient hope,
Until the Lord appears;
And wait to ſee the bleſſed crop,
Rewarding toil and tears.

4 All need requires can GOD perform,
Nor ſhall his ſons be left
To ſhiver in the angry ſtorm,
Of their great Shield bereft.

5 Though providence may ſeem to frown,
Yet grace will ne'er deſtroy;
The coming harveſt hope ſhall crown
With ſheaves of glorious joy.

HYMN CCLXXVII.

Praiſe to the divine Being for perſonal and ſpiritual bleſſings. Job xxxii. 8. Dan. ii. 21. Eph. i. 3. 1 Pet. i. 3.

1 PRAISE to GOD for life, and being,
For the nature he beſtow'd;

And the faculty of ſeeing
All his labour wiſe, and good:
Human reaſon, noble bleſſing!
Man exalting 'bove the beaſt!
With the conſcience light poſſeſſing,
Centinel that guards the breaſt.

2 Praiſe to GOD for news of glory,
In the truth meſſiah preach'd,
Joyful to the heart when ſorry,
By the ſenſe of guilt impeach'd.
All things claim devout thankſgiving,
Heav'nly mercies never fail;
Happy means of holy living,
Bleſſed hopes of dying well.

HYMN CCLXXVIII. S. M.

Jeſus the Head ſtone of the corner. Pſ. cxviii. 22, 23. 1 Pet. ii. 8.

1 PROUD builders once refus'd,
By blind deluſion led,
And with indignant ſcorn abus'd
That ſtone, the corners head.

2 The man of grief diſdain'd,
Expiring on the croſs,
Hath glorious eminence obtain'd,
Appearing marvellous.

3 Who wrought th' event ſo great?
The work is of the LORD;
This wonder will the wiſe repeat,
In praiſe with one accord.

4 But guilty men that fall
Upon this corner ſtone,
For mercy's help ſhall vainly call,
And feel themſelves undone.

HYMN CCLXXIX. C. M.

Supreme excellence of the Goſpel. Rom. i. 16. and xv. 29.

1 PALMS of immortal victory
The glorious goſpel crown,
Of pow'r to make the heart obey,
And bear its evils down.

2 Impreſſive threats, and precepts pure,
Are aim'd at ev'ry fault;
Rich promiſes high hopes allure,
And ſentiments exalt.

3 Each truth moſt noble in deſign,
In dignity moſt grand;
Its morals with high luſtre ſhine,
And all reſpect command.

4 Here conſolations calm the heart,
The ſtrongeſt paſſions ſoothe;
Wiſe admonitions light impart,
And all the counſels truth.

5 More rich the doctrine of our lord,
Than Iſraels' ark of old,
Where was the heav'nly manna ſtor'd,
And bright with poliſh'd gold.

6 The goſpel's bleſſed tidings paſs
The boundaries of time;
Announce the heritage of grace,
Of all things moſt ſublime.

HYMN CCLXXX. C. M.

Divine Promiſes in the Goſpel of Chriſt.
2 Pet. i. 2—4.

1 PERFECT and pure the gracious word,
Whoſe brighteſt glories live;

Whoſe promiſes declare the LORD
Will ev'ry bleſſing give.

2 They ſtand like beauteous olive trees,
Pouring through golden pipes,
Moſt precious oil deſires to pleaſe,
Faith in their ſhadow keeps.

3 And like the cloud of miracle,
They ſweeteſt manna yield;
GOD's mighty pow'r to help reveal,
And truth that never fail'd.

4 O may the goſpel's living bread
Our daily need ſupply;
Pure hopes, by heav'nly bleſſings fed,
Shall never, never, die.

HYMN CCLXXXI.

Profeſſion of Chriſtianity diveſted of worldly device.
2 Tim. iv. 4. Tit. i. 14. Heb. x. 23.

1 PURE truth, though yet in fables veil'd,
And ſcarcely can be ſeen,
Anon ſhall ſhine with beauty bright,
And glory moſt ſerene.
Kept be in view of ſtedfaſt faith
The ſaviour true of Nazareth.

2 Till Jeſus is confeſs'd t' have been
The Chriſt obſcurely born
His glorious doctrine though from heav'n,
Will have to ſuffer ſcorn.
Kept be in view of ſtedfaſt faith
The ſon of man of Nazareth.

3 May we to truth be firmly joind,
And ne'er aſham'd to own

This ſure to ſeal its founder bled,
Wondrous though human known.
Kept be in view of ſtedfaſt faith
The wondrous man of Nazareth.

4 Through all life's tenour teſtified
Truth's firſt, and main deſign,
Peace, virtue, and true joy, to yield,
Worthy a cauſe divine.
Kept be in view of ſtedfaſt faith
Jeſus the Chriſt of Nazareth.

HYMN CCLXXXII. L. M.

Earthly riches contraſted with heavenly. Jer. ix. 23, 24. Mark viii. 36.

1 POOR is the heart midſt golden ſtores,
That never GOD in truth adores;
To loſe the ſoul is loſs ſo great,
For it no gains can compenſate.

2 Vile cares diſtract and gnaw the heart,
But ne'er conſoling good impart;
In ſeeking GOD is peace poſſeſs'd,
Aſſuaſive to the troubled breaſt.

3 Vain cravings may reſolve to build,
Yet never ſee their aims fulfill'd;
Pure hopes can ne'er aſcend too high,
Their ſubſtance is above the ſky.

4 Rich is the mind amidſt diſtreſs,
Endow'd with love of righteouſneſs;
In heav'n is ſeen the ſolid joy,
No mortal evils can deſtroy.

HYNN CCLXXXIII. C. M.

The Death of Herod. Acts xii. 2. and 21, &c.

1 PROUD was vile *Herod* of his pow'r,
Vindictive his high word;
The martyr *James* his malice bore,
Beheaded by the sword.

2 Becauſe he witneſs'd ranc'rous hate,
Pleas'd with the dreadful deed,
Peter muſt in a priſon wait,
What reeking pow'r decreed.

3 Here tyranny's proud waves were ſtay'd,
Its prey reſign'd the cell;
On perſecution was diſplay'd
Heav'n's wrath by miracle.

4 The haughty tyrant, though array'd
In all the pomp of pride,
Smitten of GOD, by worms decay'd;
And in great horrors died.

HYMN CCLXXXIV. C. M.

Paul and Silas priſoners for the Goſpel.
Acts xvi. 19—31.

1 PADLOCK'D in chains, in ſtocks their feet,
Faſt in the inner den,
Were *Paul*, and *Silas*, thruſt to wait,
Like poor unhappy men.

2 Their tongues the midnight ſilence broke,
To GOD aloud they pray'd;
And with high praiſe the vaultage ſhook,
In fetters undiſmay'd.

3 When ſuddenly ALMIGHTY POW'R
The deep foundation ſtruck;
Wide open burſt the cavern door,
And each his links forſook.

4 Fill'd with alarm, and dread deſign,
The keeper trembling cried,
'How ſhall I 'ſcape the wrath divine,
'And where ſecure abide?'

5 'In Chriſt the riſen lord believe,
'No more ſhall terror chaſe;
'Salvation's peace thou ſhalt receive,
'And all thy houſe be ſafe.'

HYMN CCLXXXV. L. M.

Peace. Iſa. ix. 5. and lxv. 25. Pſ. xlvi. 9. Eccl. iii. 8.

1 PEACE in our native land to ſee,
With boons of blooming liberty,
Proceeds from bounteous providence;
And harmony is ſtrong defence.

2 Peace charming ſound! compar'd with war,
That drives along the thund'ring car,
With ſolemn torch at dead of night,
Dreadful as lightning to the ſight;

3 Where ſtamps the hoof, and metal hoarſe
In battle's horrent clangour roars;
Men ſtruggle in tremendous feud,
And hell deſcribe in tracks of blood;

4 Where nature weeps with bleeding wound,
Where carnage dies the reeking ground,
Where widows' groans the march deplore,
O'er mangled corpſes roll'd in gore;

5 Mild as the dove that gently glides,
Soft as the ſummer breeze, that ſlides
So eaſy o'er the lake's ſmooth face,
Serenely ſmiling lovely peace!

6 Joy of all nations, gift of GOD!
Who ſways dominion's mighty rod,
Breaking the flaming ſword in twain,
And bleſſings own his mercy's reign.

7 O gracious HEAV'N! in pity ſend
The promis'd day, that wars ſhall end;
Through all the world may ſlaughter ceaſe,
And ever give us bleſſed peace.

HYMN CCLXXXVI. C. M.

The Peace of Jeruſalem. Pſ. xlviii. and cxxii.

1 PEACE to our dear Jeruſalem,
The city of our GOD;
Moſt worthy of a grateful theme,
This high and bleſt abode.

2 Here richeſt excellence is known,
That ſuffers no decays;
Where David's ſeed adorns the throne,
And mercy's ſceptre ſways.

3 Believing tribes have lov'd to appear,
Where conſolations flow;
And witneſs'd true delight, to hear
The happy trumpet blow.

4 Let honours of proſperity,
Through all her palace ſhine;
And bands of ſweet complacency
Her citizens combine.

5 Let praiſes of bright holineſs
Our tuneful tongues employ;
And harmony for ever bleſs
This ſeat of ſacred joy.

6 In Zion ev'ry bleſſing waits,
Fair type of Heav'n below!
Our feet ſhall never leave her gates,
Till to that realm we go.

HYMN CCLXXXVII. L. M.

Peace within. Pſ. xxxvii. 11. Iſa. xxvi. 3. 2 Cor. xiii. 11.

1 PURE peace at home moſt welcome gueſt,
To minds refin'd by chriſtian love;
Where pious feelings warm each breaſt,
And all contention's cauſe remove.

2 Lovely the ſcene the fam'ly bleſt,
Where all the members wiſe unite,
And GOD in worſhip is confeſt
The only ſource of true delight.

3 Where mutual candour is diſplay'd,
Sweet kindneſs practis'd unconfin'd;
The claims of conſcious right obey'd,
And venerated peace of mind.

4 Hail bleſſed peace of conſcience clear!
Serene high triumph over ſtrife;
In union bringing all things dear,
The ſweeteſt balm, and bliſs, of life.

HYMN CCLXXXVIII. C. M.

Chriſtian Fellowſhip. (For the Communion.) Acts ii. 42. Rom. xii. 10. and xv. 5, 6.

1 PURE fellowſhip true pleaſure gives,
For chriſtian bonds unite;

Each in the ſacred truth believes,
Cheer'd with the ſame delight.

2 One maſter we confeſs our Lord,
Who taught in love t' agree!
By common int'reſt in his word,
We are one family.

3 His love endur'd to cruel death,
To bring us near to GOD;
Reveal'd the cov'nant with his breath,
And ſeal'd it with his blood.

4 This friend and ſaviour we profeſs,
His heav'nly reſt to ſeek;
The kindneſs that our lips expreſs,
Should ev'ry action ſpeak.

5 All perfect harmony prevails,
Where this forerunner's gone;
There praiſe divine affection ſwells,
To the MOST HOLY ONE.

6 Friendſhip refin'd by chriſtian love,
Till death may we retain;
In hope with joy to meet above,
In union to remain.

HYMN CCLXXXIX.

The Sorrows of Jacob. Or, the myſterious diſpenſations of Providence both wiſe in their nature and good in their iſſue. Gen. xlii—xlvi.

1 POOR *Jacob* who *Rachel* ſurviv'd,
With age and adverſity worn,
Of *Joſeph* by envy depriv'd,
In want ſent to *Egypt* for corn.

2 His ſons, on their being repuls'd,
Recall'd the vile meaſure they dealt;
And each felt his conſcience convuls'd,
For deep was the ſtain of their guilt.

3 They all, except *Simeon*, return'd,
To be by his youngeſt redeem'd;
The child his heart fondly concern'd,
Memorial of *Rachel* eſteem'd.

4 They urg'd they were treated as ſpies,
And hardly obtain'd the relief;
When *Jacob*, with tears in his eyes,
Complaining gave vent to his grief.

5 'Diſaſters my wrinkles purſue,
'Ah! void of affection, and cold,
'Ye only the anguiſh renew,
'I felt for my *Joſeph* of old.

6 'With loſſes already ſore griev'd,
'How can I let *Benjamin* go?
'Alas! of my children bereav'd,
'Theſe things are but working my woe.

7 'The truth ye refuſe to confeſs,
'And leave me in ſorrow to lave;
'With ſighings of bitter diſtreſs,
'Ye bring my grey hairs to the grave.'

8 Yet forc'd, when the bounty was ſpent,
His child to commit to their care;
Twas hard for his heart to conſent
To abſence, ſo painful to bear.

9 On their going he trembled with fear,
But bade them for welcome to load
With almonds, ſweet ſpices, and myrrhe,
And wiſh'd them the mercy of GOD.

10 And ſoon they return'd to impart
Their brother exalted they knew;
Still *Jacob*, in fainting of heart,
Surmis'd the good tidings untrue.

11 But GOD, who knew all his complaints,
In viſion appear'd on the plain;
For good over-rul'd ſad events,
And each was a link in the chain.

12 His ſoul ſoon began to revive,
And carried to *Egypt* to die;
He there embrac'd *Joſeph* alive,
And bleſs'd all his children with joy.

HYMN CCXC. C. M.

The chief Concern. Luke xii. 31—37.

1 PRONE to delay in great affairs,
Though vigilant in ſmall,
How good to hear what Chriſt declares
The chief concern of all!

2 To ſeek the kingdom of our GOD,
Whoſe kindneſs will ſupply
All needful bleſſings, on the road
To everlaſting joy.

3 Fix'd be our hearts on treaſure there,
The ſtore that cannot fail;
That waſting moths can ne'er impair,
That thieves can never ſteal.

4 Girded our loins, and ev'ry lamp,
Well trimm'd more bright to burn;
In patience may we leave the camp,
To wait our Lord's return.

5 Bleſt are thoſe ſervants he ſhall find
In watchfulneſs employ'd;
Theirs is the glorious feaſt deſign'd,
In heav'n to be enjoy'd.

HYMN CCXCI. S. M.

Energy of divine Truth. Heb. iv. 12.

1 QUICK, powerful and keen,
Is GOD's atteſted word;
More piercing felt, and ſharper ſeen,
Than any two-edg'd ſword.

2 From weapons fell diſtinct,
This never reeks with gore;
Yet joints divides moſt firmly link'd,
And can the heart explore.

3 As rain God's will obeys,
His word can ne'er be void;
But muſt accompliſh what he pleaſe,
And proſperous abide.

4 The flow'r ſhall know decay,
For but a day it thrives;
So wither all mankind away,
But this divinely lives.

5 The heav'ns and earth ſhall paſs,
And ſome the wreck bewail;
Beholding not one glory's trace;
But this ſhall never fail.

HYMN CCXCII. L. M.

Candour. Eph. iv. 2, 3. Col. iii. 13.

1 QUENCH'D be the coals of burning ſtrife,
All hatred far away remov'd;

Be ev'ry fellow mortal lov'd,
And cheriſh'd peace the balm of life.

2 Raſhneſs muſt ne'er uſurp the throne,
And judgment on our equals deal,
Deaf to meek candour's mild appeal;
And ſafe conclude one ſect alone.

3 Though all oppos'd to truth be wrong,
Yet errors may as truth appear;
Still right is ev'ry heart ſincere,
For perfect views to none belong.

4 Aſſiduous be our minds to know,
By means enjoy'd, truth's proper line;
But never to one creed confine
The kindneſs, chriſtians ought to ſhow.

HYMN CCXCIII. C. M.

The ſun of righteouſneſs diſcriminating characters and giving joy. Mal. iii. 16. and iv. 1, 2.

1 QUIET the meek in humble joy
May reſt, while like a flame,
Truth burns corruption to deſtroy,
And put the proud to ſhame.

2 On all, who fear the NAME DIVINE,
The righteous ſun ſhall riſe;
His mercy-beams ſerenely ſhine,
To bleſs their longing eyes.

3 Wiſe in his light their ſpirits know
The hope, no ſcenes appal;
In paſtures rich they thriving grow,
Like herds in plenty's ſtall.

4 Often rehears'd the lovely theme,
Their names recorded ſtand;
Such will the LORD his jewels deem,
And ſet them with his hand.

HYMN CCXCIV. S. M.

Confidence in God. Or, undue anxieties ſuppreſſed in the view of divine goodneſs. Luke xii. 7. Heb. iii. 14.

1 QUELL'D be each rebel thought,
And all the fears that riſe
Againſt the hand, with bleſſing fraught,
Stretch'd from the upper ſkies.

2 Rememb'ring conſtant care,
That providence diſplays;
And daily taking bounty's ſhare,
Be render'd daily praiſe.

3 Pond'ring ſuperior love,
The bleſſed goſpel gave;
Where mercy beaming from above,
Shines free good will to ſave.

4 Confiding in the LORD,
Be all obedience giv'n;
In faith ſtill reſting on his word,
And hope of glorious heav'n.

HYMN CCXCV. C. M.

Wiſdom's way. Prov. iii. 17.

1 QUIT O my ſoul the path of ſnares,
That leads to evil works;
Though ev'ry flow'ry charm it bears,
The ſubtle ſerpent lurks.

2 The wiſdom pure from heav'n diſplay'd,
Whoſe cautions ne'er delude,
A happier track has well portray'd
Of undeceiving good.

3 Sure 'tis unwiſe a way to keep,
That can no comfort yield;
And ends where none a bleſſing reap,
A dreadful barren field.

4 Let wiſdom's counſel be my choice,
I 'll virtue's footſteps trace;
The path is perfect pleaſantneſs,
The end eternal peace.

HYMN CCXCVI. L. M.

The infinite ſupremacy of God, and his condeſcenſion.
Pſ. cxiii.

1 RULING all nations high, and bright,
Above the heav'ns dwells GOD in light;
From riſing to the ſetting ſun,
Should praiſes of his glory run.

2 Th' angellic hoſts his pow'r proclaim,
With rev'rence ſpeak his holy name;
While humble honours they renew,
He condeſcends their ſtate to view.

3 Finite, and meaſur'd, is the ſpace
From reptiles to the ſeraph race;
But 'tween th' eternal ſource of light
And them, is diſtance infinite.

4 LORD what is man of yeſterday,
That thou ſhouldſt ſtoop to hear him pray!
And treat the worm with tender love,
O may our hearts thy grace improve!

5 From duſt, in high reſpect to ſtand,
Are rais'd the poor by thy kind hand;
And where was barrenneſs bewail'd,
Are ſmiling joys, and bleſſings hail'd.

6 Great goodneſs all thy works atteſt,
Thy glory worthy to be bleſt;
Let ev'ry tongue thy name adore,
While time endures, and evermore.

HYMN CCXCVII. S. M.

God the deliverer ſought with confidence. Job v. 8.
Pſ. xxii. 4, 5. and lxx. 4, 5.

1 REMEMBER us in love,
O GOD of good ſupreme;
And never let our wiſhes rove
From what thy laws eſteem.

2 In ev'ry paſſing age
Haſt thou befriended men;
For none who ſought thine heritage,
Have ever ſought in vain.

3 In dark diſtreſſing times
Our fathers cri'd to thee;
Thou didſt redeem, and heal their crimes
Of wandering aſtray.

4 To mercy we commit
The cravings of our breaſt;
Thy grants new confidence beget,
And lead to happy reſt.

5 On thee we caſt our care,
Nor would again complain;
Let thy right hand the burden bear,
And feeble hope ſuſtain.

6 Through all remaining days,
May faithful pleaſant ſongs
Of love devout, and ardent praiſe,
Flow from our grateful tongues.

HYMN CCXCVIII.

The illuſtration of God's delivering power beſought in the day of adverſity. Iſa. lxiv.

1 REND thou the heav'ns above GREAT GOD,
Deſcend from thy divine abode,
Let mountains at thy preſence flow;
Thy name's bright glories men diſcern,
As fires that fiercely melting burn,
And 'fore thee trembling nations bow.

2 Since the created world began,
Hath not been heard nor ſeen by man
Beſide thy bleſſed ſelf, a GOD;
No truth but thine hath e'er declar'd,
The light, that mercy has prepar'd
For ſervants, who thy courts have trod.

3 All that in righteous ways rejoice,
Thou kindly meeteſt, though thy voice
Is terrible to puniſh ſin;
Affection's tribute has been brief,
Ah! faded like the wither'd leaf,
In thy pure ſight we are unclean.

4 O LORD be ſorely wroth no more,
We are but clay beneath thy pow'r,
Frail creatures of thy mighty hand;
New mould us ſubject to thy rule,
And ſpare thy Sion beautiful,
To train us for the brighter land.

HYMN CCXCIX. C. M.

The unſearchable wiſdom and counſels of God.
Rom. xi. 33, &c.

1 REPENTANCE cannot be in GOD,
Nor will he gifts recall;
Concluding all deſerv'd his rod,
He mercy hath on all.

2 What being claims from his great hand
Reward, for good conferr'd?
Or can a recompence demand,
For counſel miniſter'd?

3 From whom could GOD advice receive,
To form his plans more fit?
What e'er could brighter luſtre give
To light that's infinite?

4 O the vaſt depth of wiſdom pure,
In intellect divine!
GOD's ſtedfaſt thought, and counſels ſure,
Through all his meaſures ſhine.

5 His judgments moſt unſearchable,
Paſt finding out his ways;
His truth the lively oracle
Of high, and glorious, praiſe!

6 Of GOD all things in being are,
By him diſpos'd remain;
To HIM let all their praiſes bear,
And endleſs be the ſtrain.

HYMN CCC. L. M.

The CREATOR*'s wonderful Providence.* Pſ. xxxiii. 6. and cxxxvi. 4—9. Jer. xxxii. 17. and li. 15. Heb. xi. 3.

1 ROUND the bright ſun, ordain'd to burn,
Great planets in wide orbits turn;
And conſtant light, and heat, derive
The dwellers in each fugitive.

2 Grand is the ſyſtem!—though but part
Of works diſplaying boundleſs art:
Unnumber'd ſuns their taſk perform,
Whoſe rays revolving planets warm!

3 God's providence alike appears
To rear the germ, and guide the ſpheres;
The univerſe his eyes pervade,
Through all his energy diſplay'd.

4 In eſſence his dominion good,
Whate'er exiſts kind thoughts include:
Bounteous his beams of radiant light,
His realm a circle infinite.

5 Wound up by him th' immenſe machine,
In order muſt the parts remain;
Unmov'd he ſees the ſyſtems roll,
HIMSELF the centre of the whole.

HYMN CCCI. L. M.

Deprecation of public calamities. Pſ. lxxix. 8. 9. Iſa. lxiv. 9.

1 RISE not in wrath to judge GREAT GOD,
Let not a foul contagious breath
Scatter thy mighty plagues abroad,
To ſmite the ſlumb'ring beds with death.

2 Break not the ſtaff of daily bread,
Nor blaſt the crops with angry word;
May not dread famine's horrors ſpread,
Nor hunger's pining groans be heard.

3 Let not in rage wild anarchy
Here rear aloft the horrent creſt;
Nor ruthleſs wars dire cruelty
In bloody march the land infeſt.

4 Take not away the manna ſweet,
Thy truth, we chiefly importune;
Still may thy light our viſion greet,
Nor let our ſun go down at noon.

5 Cancel, for thy compaſſion's ſake,
The nation's crimes, a hideous ſcore;
And monuments of mercy make,
Thy ſov'reign glory to adore.

6 Righteous GREAT GOD are thy decrees;
O! keep us humble near thy throne;
Reſign'd to what thy wiſdom pleaſe,
And mutt'ring not a ſingle tone.

HYMN CCCII. C. M.

The pre-eminence of the Son of Man. Luke iii. 22. John vi. 38. and viii. 58.

1 RENOWN'D with joy the ſon of man,
God's choſen and belov'd;
Before his miniſtry began,
By miracle approv'd.

2 From GOD, the only wiſe he came,
As by his will ordain'd;
And ſent from heav'n, for CHRIST the name,
From heav'n's high throne obtain'd.

3 Through his great work by pow'r upheld,
Endow'd with grace to ſave;
When clos'd, to combat death compell'd,
But reſcu'd from the grave.

4 Now with that glory crown'd in heav'n,
His FATHER had decreed,
Ere promiſe was to Abr'am giv'n;
Or Earth's foundation laid.

5 His words have glorious truth diſplay'd,
Through ages ſtand the ſame;
To his demand be honour paid,
GOD's worſhip in his name.

6 His name ſuſtain'd, a ſacred pledge!
May his pure precepts lead;
In love eſteem'd the privilege,
His worthy name to plead.

HYMN CCCIII. S. M.

The Goſpel net. Matt. xiii. 47—50.

1 RESIGN'D to perfect will,
And wiſdom infinite,
Be truth's ſucceſs, the benefit,
Whoſe hopes beſt wiſhes fill.

2 The goſpel net is caſt
Into the world's wide ſea,
For gath'ring men, and ſhort the day,
This ordinance to laſt.

3 It takes of ev'ry kind,
Till full, and drawn to ſhore;
Then ſever'd all, when time's no more,
To each a ſtate aſſign'd.

4 Diſtinguiſh'd all the bad,
In this deciſive day;
And like vile refuſe caſt away,
Their choſen portion ſad.

5 Be our ſolicitude,
To ſhare the honour great,
Of joyful captives in the net;
And numb'ring with the good.

HYMN CCCIV. C. M.

The happineſs of faithfully keeping the ſayings of Chriſt. Matt. vii. 24. and xxv. 23.

1 RICH is the goſpel's overture,
And happy they that hear,
What glorious gifts they may ſecure,
In mercy's light appear.

2 More bleſt are they whoſe hope, and love,
In holy virtues ſhine;
Whoſe ſteady truſt will never move
From promiſes divine.

3 All that the words of Chriſt believe,
And ponder in their breaſt,
Striving to keep what they receive,
Shall kindly be addreſs'd;

4 'Well done ye ſervants good, and wiſe,
'Faithful was your employ,
'Glory ſhall meet your waiting eyes,
'Enter the promis'd joy.'

HYMN CCCV. L. M.

Faith and fortitude of primitive diſciples.
Luke xviii. 28—30.

1 RESOLV'D the firſt diciples ſtood,
And ev'ry carnal joy deſpis'd;

In truth they ſaw ſuperior good,
And knew it worthy to be priz'd.

2 'Twas joy divine, by faith they view'd
The prize inſtructed well t' obtain;
They felt, with glowing gratitude,
That earthly loſs was heav'nly gain.

3 Their maſter's precepts to purſue,
Eſtabliſh'd habits they forſook;
To vain deſires proclaim'd adieu,
And links of ſtrong endearment broke.

4 Though ſlander's train their ſteps attend,
Undaunted ſtill amidſt the gloom;
Though terror's low'ring clouds impend,
And full in view ſtern martyrdom.

5 Theirs not the vain, and fruitleſs, toil,
Nor hopeleſs when of eaſe debarr'd;
Though troubles may ſome pleaſure ſpoil,
They ſurer make the bleſt reward.

HYMN CCCVI. C. M.

The human underſtanding, or faculty of Reaſon an important bleſſing from God. Iſa. xxviii. 26. Dan. ii. 21. Luke xii. 57. 1 Cor. xiv. 20. Heb. v. 14.

1 REASON, that decks the human frame,
By chance could never grow;
But from th' alwiſe CREATOR came,
Things of high worth to know.

2 This faculty, in grace beſtow'd,
For intellectual light,
That evil balancing with good,
Man may approve the right.

3 He views the earth, and ſtarry ſky,
Reaſon draws inference;
Improv'd, the underſtanding's eye
Diſcerns GOD's providence.

4 Still more exalted, truth ſurveys,
Reveal'd by heav'nly grace;
And, ſparkling with its brilliant rays,
Will glorious beauties trace.

5 What though it cannot comprehend
All wiſdom's words repeat;
Things moſt ſublime, they recommend,
Its boldeſt judgment meet.

6 Buried this talent, when confin'd
To ſublunary care;
How juſt the ſelf-perverted mind
Should guilt's own ſorrow bear!

HYMN CCCVII. L. M.

Prayer. Ezek. xxxvi. 37. Luke xviii. 1. Acts vi. 4. James v. 16.

1 REQUESTS, that mortal tongues preſent,
Can no divine arrangements change;
Th' all-perfect will can ne'er repent,
No wants to wiſdom can be ſtrange.

2 Still proper is GOD's ſettled plan,
For all t' approach their Maker's feet;
Pray'r is the part of erring man,
Sincere before his mercy-ſeat.

3 Entreating HEAV'N, with longing eyes,
Hath higheſt uſe, yet merits nought;
Though richeſt ſtores his hands compriſe,
For bleſſings ſtill he will be ſought.

4 Pray'r well preſerves a lively ſenſe
Of our frail nature, and his love;
That mercy will all good diſpenſe,
In which we hourly live, and move.

HYMN CCCVIII. C. M.

Preſumptuous reſolutions. Heb. vi. 3. Jam. iv. 13-15.

1 RESOLVING raſhneſs, how unwiſe!
The vain delight of fools,
Whoſe ſelf-will'd arrogance denies
The GOD that over-rules.

2 To execute ſome ſordid plan,
The morrow call their own;
Although to what extent their ſpan,
To them remains unknown.

3 Unheeding that an idle oath
Relates to guilty ſhame,
They wanton like a giddy moth,
That flutters round the flame.

4 Preſumptuous thoughts the heart miſlead,
In vowing to fulfil;
Life's ſtream that flows without our aid,
May ceaſe againſt our will.

5 If God permit, ſhould be the thought,
Controuling all deſigns;
Each purpoſe to his pleaſure brought,
The courſe his will defines.

HYMN CCCIX. C. M.

Preſumptuous wickedneſs under a dreadful doom. Matt. xxiii. 13, 14.

1 RECKON will GOD another day,
With men of all degrees,

Who his high pleaſure caſt away,
And bold rebellion ſeize.

2 Whoſe hearts impure, with aims unjuſt,
Seek others rights t' abate;
And ſpears of perſecution thruſt,
With a malignant hate.

3 Greedy to graſp unrighteous pow'r,
The weak, and poor, t' oppreſs;
Or pining widows homes devour,
Like wolves array'd in fleece.

4 Whoſe baneful paſſions hopes employ,
And witneſs'd mis'ry hail;
They ſnatch deſtruction in their joy,
And muſt their ruin wail.

HYMN CCCX. L. M.

The ten virgins. Matt. xxv. 1—13. Luke xiii. 25.

1 RESEMBLING virgins, mix'd in pairs,
The kingdom of the goſpel ſtood;
As mingled ſtand the wheat, and tares,
On the ſame ſoil the bad, and good.

2 Five wiſe with oil their veſſels fill'd,
Th' expected bridegroom went to meet;
To them the fooliſh five appeal'd,
To have their empty lamps replete.

3 All wak'd from ſleep by midnight cry,
'Behold the coming bridegroom near;'
The fooliſh went their oil to buy,
The wiſe with well-trimm'd lamps appear.

4 Admitted theſe, the door was ſhut,
Too late the reſt, they call'd in vain:

May we our lamps in order put,
Expecting Chriſt will come again.

HYMN CCCXI. L. M.

Dives and Lazarus. Luke xvi. 19, &c.

1 RICH Dives in his feſtive day,
With ſumptuous faring well ſuffic'd,
In coſtly purple's grand array,
The begging Lazarus deſpis'd.

2 Cover'd with ulcers near his gate,
And hunger-pinch'd, this pauper lay;
Some aiding charity to wait,
For crumbs his pining mis'ries pray.

3 Not e'en a morſel was his lot,
But famiſhing at plenty's door;
Though dogs, ſo griev'd, to bark forgot,
And kindly lick'd the ſores he bore.

4 Death levels wealth, high pomp and ſtate,
With meaneſt poverty diſdain'd;
The future life will ſhow them great,
Who virtue's habits here attain'd.

5 The righteous poor be glorious made,
In ſorrow muſt th' unfeeling dwell;
If truth reveal'd cannot perſuade,
Angels, and miracles, would fail.

HYMN CCCXII. C. M.

The righteous judgment of God dealing to all according to their works. Rom. ii. 6—16.

1 RENDRING to all a judgment meet,
According to their deeds,

Will GOD ariſe, in glory great,
Whoſe coming death precedes.

2 To them who patient doing well,
Continually maintain,
And honour ſeek, will he reveal
Life and eternal gain.

3 In peace will glory ſhine abroad,
In the bright bleſſed morn,
For ev'ry ſoul that worketh good,
Or Jew, or Gentile, born.

4 To them contentious thoughts poſſeſs,
For truth have no deſire,
But love t' obey unrighteouſneſs,
Indignant wrath and fire.

5 Anguiſh, and tribulation deep,
For all that evil do;
In deſp'rate woe muſt Gentiles weep,
And mourn each guilty Jew.

6 With GOD there's no reſpect of men,
He equity imparts;
And will by Jeſus aſcertain
The ſecrets of all hearts.

HYMN CCCXIII. L. M.

The everlaſting Sabbatiſm, or heavenly reſt.
Heb. iv. 9.

1 REST for the mind, completely pure,
Below the ſun can ne'er be found;
Where clouds the proſpect oft obſcure,
And ſometimes parch'd the pleaſant ground.

2 Enduring bliſs abides above,
Where ſhine the unremitting rays;

The conſtant feeling holy love,
The ſweet employ perpetual praiſe.

3 May we deſire th' eternal reſt,
Seek truth the ſacred will to know,
Oft meditate on being bleſt,
And learn to praiſe GOD here below.

4 In the dear name of Chriſt, our lord,
As by him taught we worſhip give;
With hope in peace, and pure accord,
In praiſing more ſublime to live:

5 When rais'd to heav'n, devoid of ſin,
In perfect joy, and ſettled ſtrength,
To view the glory, and begin
The height, and depth, and breadth, and length.

HYMN CCCXIV. C. M.

Univerſal praiſe to God for the bleſſings of the goſpel, extended to the Gentiles. Pſ. xcviii.

1 SONGS of devouteſt joy and praiſe
Be render'd to the LORD;
Who love in nature's works diſplays,
More glorious in his word.

2 His own right hand bleſt vict'ry gain'd,
In brighteſt wonders ſhone;
Gentiles have righteouſneſs obtain'd,
His great ſalvation known.

3 The ends of all the earth ſhall ſee,
With moſt delighted eyes,
His mercy kept in memory,
Faithful in rich ſupplies.

4 The roaring ſea ſhall catch the joy,
And make a cheerful noiſe;

While hills, and floods, ſweet ſounds employ,
T' expreſs their lively joys.

5 Let favour'd kindreds, tribes, and tongues,
That dwell o'er all the earth,
Highly exalt enraptur'd ſongs,
To ſee the world's new birth.

6 Before the LORD let all rejoice,
The Judge of righteouſneſs,
O! may we gladly hear his voice,
And equity confeſs.

HYMN CCCXV.

God our Shepherd. Pſ. xxiii.

1 SHEPHERD greateſt good beſtowing,
Bountiful thy mercy's grant;
Bleſſings, in thy paſture growing,
Yield ſupply to ev'ry want:
When the cares of life encumber,
Lead me to the place of reſt;
Gently to lie down, and ſlumber,
Safe with thy protection bleſt.

2 For thy name's ſake ſtand beſide me,
Where the ſilent waters flow;
O! reſtore my ſoul, and guide me,
Where the righteous love to go:
Thou mine head with oil anointeſt
In the preſence of my foes;
All proviſion thou appointeſt,
Let me in thy love repoſe.

3 If I wander, overtake me,
When the vale of death I walk,

May thy favour not forſake me,
Let no evil near me ſtalk:
Goodneſs is my choiceſt treaſure,
Comfort give thy ſtaff, and rod,
Thou art all my life, and pleaſure,
Here and in thy bleſt abode.

HYMN CCCXVI. L. M.

God's gracious wonders. Pſ. cv. Iſa. lxiii. 7.

1 SWEETEST of all employments here,
In harmony to praiſe the LORD;
To ſing the glories that appear,
Through all thy works, in all thy word.

2 From morn to night, from night to morn,
Creation in rich chorus joins,
To ſhout the boons its ſtate adorn,
And own the pow'r each realm aſſigns.

3 How great, how good, the wondrous deeds,
Thy mighty hand for Iſrael wrought;
Each tribe the *Red-ſea* channel treads,
By *Moſes* led, from bondage brought.

4 Their guiding pillar, cloud and flame,
Enduring veſtures, manna-rain,
With *Sinai*'s ſmoke, and thunders, claim
Th' admiring ſenſe, th' adoring ſtrain.

5 Thine arm their promis'd *Canaan* won,
By ſigns thy preſence grand appear'd;
In the frail tent thy glory ſhone,
Till *Solomon* the temple rear'd.

6 But greateſt of all wondrous deeds,
GOD later ſtoop'd his pow'r to give;
Each pauſing angel's thought exceeds,
Making the ſlain meſſiah live.

HYMN CCCXVII. C. M.

The Prayer of Chriſtian Philanthropy. 1 Tim. ii. 1.

PART I.

1 SUPREME and univerſal LORD!
With awe before thy face,
Deſires excited by Chriſt's word,
We offer to thy grace.

2 With realms, where'er the ſun has ſhone,
Thy mighty arm array;
As ſhepherds put their garments on,
To meet a ſtormy day.

3 Where idol-worſhip governs ſtill,
By ſuperſtition's pow'r,
With light the gloomy regions fill;
Let heathen's thee adore.

4 Where impoſitions vile enforce
Falſe notions by the ſword,
Reveal thy truth, let wiſdom's ſource
The ſtreams of life afford.

5 Pity the lands of chriſtian name,
Where ſtern oppreſſion reigns;
Whoſe haughty claims exhibit ſhame
Inflicting cruel pains.

6 On all benighted regions look,
Where cruelty reſides;
And from its ſeat injuſtice pluck,
That miſery derides.

PART II.

7 GOD of the earth regard the poor,
Lighten inceſſant toil;

Let virtue be each nation's ſtore,
And bleſs their cultur'd ſoil.

8 Say to the north, eaſt, ſouth, and weſt
'My ſcatter'd tribes reſign;'
By *Jacob*'s ſeed be Chriſt confeſs'd
The meſſenger divine.

9 In youthful minds may knowledge grow,
To truth their reaſon look;
No more let human beings bow
With ſuperſtition's yoke.

10 Let mighty truth, with lightning force,
Strike the contagious tree;
Exhaling through the air its curſe,
Rank infidelity.

11 Each growing crime, the parent ſtock
Of bitter horrid fruit,
With pow'r conſume, nor let the ſhock
Spare e'en a fibre root.

12 Redeem thy goſpel from device,
And crafts of ſordid gain;
In mercy make the gen'ral choice
Chriſt's doctrine pure, and plain.

PART III.

13 Great AUTHOR of all ranks that live,
And LORD of ev'ry ſtate!
Let men to all due kindneſs give,
Thy goodneſs imitate.

14 Cruſh bloody war, of doleful note,
Its banners overthrow;
Deſtructive vice its means promote,
Its arms ſpread death, and woe.

15 Where nature in abuſe appears,
Righteous deliv'rance ſpeak;
The chains that ruſt with patriots' tears,
And negroes' fetters, break.

16 Bleſt chriſtian liberty extend,
With civil freedom join'd;
To love let perſecution bend,
And ev'ry wiſh unkind.

17 Thy kingdom come with glorious might,
All lies let truth deſtroy;
Shining with nature's beams of light,
Diſpenſing greater joy.

18 Haſten the bright delightful day,
Then mercy ſhall be law;
The child ſhall with the ſcorpion play,
And lions feed on ſtraw.

HYMN CCCXVIII. L. M.

Penitent appeal of Backſliders to divine Pity.
Jer. viii. 4, &c.

1 SHALL any fall, and not ariſe,
From GOD depart, and ne'er return?
While ſad remembrance pains our eyes,
Let not thy juſt diſpleaſure ſpurn.

2 Their times the crane, and turtle, know,
But we have fail'd, though more endu'd,
In thine appointed time to ſow;
And oft neglected ſeaſons good.

3 Far have backſlidden from thy way,
Thy tender patience oft abus'd;
Slighted thy mercy by delay,
And gracious overtures refus'd.

4 The ſolemn warnings of thy voice,
And awful judgments have withſtood;
When chaſten'd ſtill defil'd our choice,
With woful ſtains of guilt imbu'd.

5 Is there no balm of healing pow'r,
Health to reſtore to minds impure?
Is this the laſt the deſp'rate hour,
And no phyſician left to cure?

6 Is thy compaſſion clean withdrawn,
No more to hear the meek appeal?
Thou never wilt thy courts diſown,
Thy truth, and promiſe, never fail.

HYMN CCCXIX.

Hope's appeal. Pſ. xxxviii. 15. Lam. iii. 24.

1 SAFETY is my ſouls deſire,
Whither for it ſhall I flee?
Let me to thy truth aſpire,
GOD of life, and clemency:
When to wage calamity,
High the ſtormy billows roll,
Hoping may I truſt in thee,
Sureſt refuge of my ſoul.

2 Jeſus taught to make thee known,
Richeſt grace his miſſion ſeal'd;
Many did their grief bemoan,
By his balm of life were heal'd:
Sacred truth has he reveal'd,
Moſt delighting tidings told,
Bleſſings on thy love entail'd,
Precious more than fineſt gold.

3 Trace I would the heav'nly way,
Of the pureſt hope poſſeſs'd;

Never yielding to diſmay,
With the perfect charter bleſt:
Calm the tumults of my breaſt,
Guide me through this world of care,
Safely to the land of reſt,
Everlaſting glory there.

HYMN CCCXX. L. M.

God's tender Compaſſions. Neh. ix. 17. Pſ. ciii. 13. Iſa. xxx. 18. Ezek. xviii. 23. 32. and xxxiii. 11. Mic. vii. 18. Rom. ii. 4. 2 Cor. v. 11. 20. 2 Pet. iii. 9.

1 'SURE as I live,' ſaith GOD MOST HIGH,
'I wiſh not erring man to grieve;
'Deſiring not that ſinners die,
'But that they turn, repent, and live.'

2 He waiteth to be gracious ſtill,
Nor merely tenders life to ſome;
That any periſh not his will,
But that all to repentance come.

3 With milder pity looks on all,
Than fathers to their offspring ſhow;
To reaſon joins th' inviting call,
Beſeeching men his grace to know.

4 Truth vows the kind, and dread reward,
Forbearance all the vow pervades;
Ev'n the dire terror of the LORD
To righteouſneſs mankind perſuades.

5 Though his juſt wrath may judgments heap,
Implacable is not his ſcourge;
GOD will not ever anger keep,
That fiercely burns alone to purge.

6 O! may we ſee his mercy nigh!
Our hearts to its impreſſion give;
And while he pleads, 'Why will ye die?'
Turn from all evil ways, and live.

HYMN CCCXXI. S. M.

The Baptiſm of Jeſus. Luke iii. 21, 22.

1 SOON as became complete
The fullneſs of the time;
When great official gifts ſhould meet
The prophecies ſublime:

2 When *John*, the harbinger,
Prepar'd meſſiah's way;
His high commiſſion'd pow'rs appear,
Bright as the cloudleſs day.

3 The ſacred rite injoin'd
Receiv'd, though pure in heart;
To perfect righteouſneſs reſign'd,
Endu'd all grace t' impart.

4 Leaving the water's edge,
Beheld the hov'ring ſign,
From heav'n diſplay'd, peculiar pledge
Of fav'ring love divine.

5 Then GOD's paternal word
His rich anointing prov'd;
In accents wonderful was heard,
'This is my ſon belov'd.'

HYMN CCCXXII. C. M.

The Stream of Salvation. Iſa. xxxv. 6, 7.

1 SALVATION heav'nly love diſplays
Through all the ſacred page;

Inviting men to love, and praiſe,
In each ſucceeding age.

2 GOD's mighty wonders well atteſt
His ſaving pow'r divine;
And ſtill his glory ſtands confeſt
Moſt gracious in deſign.

3 Redeeming mercy, glorious theme!
By Jeſus was proclaim'd;
Salvation is the goſpel ſtream,
By all that taſte eſteem'd.

4 Its waters grateful to the ſad,
Their cravings ſatisfy;
They make the dumb, and maimed, glad,
And thirſting hopes ſupply.

5 Where'er this bleſſed riv'let flows,
Its windings we'll purſue;
Till reach'd the promis'd land, where grows
The bliſs divinely true.

HYMN CCCXXIII. C. M.

Contentment promoted by reflections on divine Providence taught by Jeſus Chriſt. Matt. vi. 25, &c. Luke xii. 22—30.

1 SHALL ſenſual care the heart corrode,
When life is more than food?
And court deſpair, yet own a GOD,
That's infinitely good?

2 Shall I permit contriving thought
To ſtretch beyond its ſphere?
Sure folly never wiſdom taught
My curious frame to rear.

3 The ravens, deſtitute in air,
That neither ſow, nor reap,
Are fed by thy benignant care;
And guarded in their ſleep.

4 The lillies, ſmiling in the dale,
Without their toil array'd,
In rich attire adorn the vale;
And Solomon upbraid

5 That hand, which can the bird ſupply,
And richly clothe the plant,
Holds nature's ſtores, nor will deny
A bleſſing to my want.

6 O! may I leave inferior things,
Vile cares, and fears, ſubdue;
Thy kingdom ſeek, where dwell the ſprings
Of bliſs, divinely true.

HYMN CCCXXIV. L. M.

Neceſſary diſcipline. Iſa. xlv. 7, and 23. and liv. 16. Amos iii. 6.

1 SURE there's neceſſity for pain,
Or ſin, and grief, could never be;
Nothing was e'er allow'd in vain,
By infinite ſagacity.

2 Senſe errs in all attempts to ſcan
The dealings of wiſe diſcipline;
Defective ſeems the perfect plan,
As flaw'd by ſufferance of ſin.

3 All actions muſt from aims deſcend,
Paſt motives new in train excite;
Effects their cauſes will attend,
As ſolar beams produce the light.

4 Woes have their uſe, why then complain,
Why judge of GOD with thoughts ſupine?
Evils that be, are wrongs to men;
All things are right to views divine.

5 Could all occurrences be thruſt
In the great balance, rightly ſet,
To fret, and murmur, were unjuſt,
If bleſſings bear the greater weight.

6 Good on this ſtage diſtreſs outweighs,
The next a world againſt a ſtraw,
Should all be train'd in glorious praiſe,
T' adore what never had a flaw.

HYMN CCCXXV. C. M.

Heavenly praiſe. Rev. xix. 1—10.

1 SALVATION, honour, glory, pow'r,
Be ſung in ſacred love,
To HIM, the heav'nly hoſts adore,
FATHER of Chriſt above.

2 Righteous, and true, the ways of GOD,
And judgments he hath done;
Whoſe hands avenge his ſervants' blood,
And ſtrike down *Babylon*.

3 Filling his bright eternal throne,
Omnipotent he reigns;
Ador'd by all the heav'ns alone,
In glad reſounding ſtrains.

4 Seeing his works, their hearts rejoice
To praiſe his glorious name;
They celebrate, with joyful voice,
The marriage of the lamb.

5 Bleſſed are all that have obey'd
The ſaviour's truth divine;
They ſhall, in righteouſneſs array'd,
And bright ſalvation, ſhine.

Praiſe adoring, none may ſever,
Be to ev'ry bleſſing's Giver,
Kind, and mighty, to deliver;
Halleluia—Praiſe ever.

HYMN CCCXXVI. S. M.

Redemption from ſin by Chriſt. John viii. 34. 36. 1 Cor. i. 30. Tit ii. 14. 1 Pet. i. 18—21.

1 SIN is the dreadful bane;
And by its evils torn,
Are all the wilfully profane;
Though uncorruptly born.

2 As rul'd by tyrant force,
Subject to hard offence,
Are men who keep tranſgreſſion's courſe,
The ſlaves of vicious ſenſe.

3 Kind was the ſaviour's aim,
By all the truth he ſpoke,
And ſeal'd in ſuff'ring to redeem
Such vaſſals from their yoke.

4 He pureſt doctrines gave,
That merit beſt eſteem;
And ſtill his heav'nly counſels ſave
All that will learn of him.

5 They ſhall with pleaſure ſee
His truth to virtue lead;
Made by the ſon's redemption free,
They ſhall be free indeed.

HYMN CCCXXVII. S. M.

The evil of Apoſtacy. Luke viii. 13. 1 Tim. i. 19. Heb. vi. 6. 2 Pet. ii. 15.

1 SUCH as abandon Chriſt,
His miſſion true deny,
Shipwreck'd their faith, by lures entic'd,
All conſcience ſtings deſy.

2 With bitt'reſt hate is ſpurn'd
The love which ſome forſake,
As ſweeteſt wines, fermenting turn'd,
The ſharpeſt acids make.

4 Vile paſſions gain in ſtrength,
When they t' enſlave begin;
Apoſtates oft, to greateſt length,
Perſiſt in daring ſin.

4 May I till death obey,
And faithful bear the croſs;
And never let my heart betray
The ſaviour, to my loſs.

HYMN CCCXXVIII. C. M.

Impreſſive ſenſe and remembrance of frailty beſought. Gen. xlvii. 9. 1 Ch. xxix. 15. Heb. xi. 13 1 Pet. i. xvii.

1 STRANGERS and pilgrims on the earth,
Uncertain is our ſtay,
Short period ſtands between the birth,
And nature's ſure decay.

2 We ſojourn here on rugged ground,
Life waſting with each breath;
Where mortal perils wait around,
And near the gate of death.

3 Teach us O GOD to number well
Brief catalogue of days;
T' apply to wiſdom durable,
Rejoicing in thy praiſe.

4 Teach us the means of life to prize,
Each talent well t' improve;
Eternal facts to realiſe,
And glorious tidings love.

5 O may we all things underſtand,
Relating to our peace;
Ere clos'd our eyes, at thy command,
And beating pulſes ceaſe.

HYMN CCCXXIX. L. M.

The Faſt which God hath choſen. Iſa. lviii. 3—7.

1 STRIFE and debate, and with the fiſt
Of bloody wickedneſs to ſmite,
With virtuous aims can ne'er conſiſt;
Or humble duty GOD's delight.

2 The faſt, his holy laws require,
Is not to ſit on ſackcloth ſpread,
Near aſhes ſmoth'ring angry fire;
Or like a bulruſh bow the head.

3 This hath he choſen for the day
Acceptable,—to looſe the bands
That gall th' oppreſs'd in mourn'd diſmay;
Their yokes to break with righteous hands.

4 To hear what injur'd juſtice pleads,
View thoſe who naked limbs deplore,
T' afford a bounty to their needs;
And deal bread to the hungry poor.

5 Then ſhall the fulgent light of morn
Break from the preſence of the LORD;
No more will he entreaty ſcorn,
His own bright glory the rereward.

HYMN CCCXXX. C. M.

Charity. Pſ. xli. 1 and cxii. 9. Acts ix. 36. Philem. 5—7. 1 Cor. xiii. 4. Heb. xiii. 16. Jam. i. 27.

1 SWEET charity dwells not alone,
But loves the ſocial tie;
Stands liſt'ning to the piteous moan,
And viſits miſery.

2 The kindeſt thoughts her ſoul expand,
Children of woe endear;
With feeling heart, and tender hand,
She wipes the widow's tear.

3 Where want and penury bewail,
Her willing ſteps are led;
All ſhe can ſpare will freely deal,
To give the orphan bread.

4 Arrays the bare, that ſhiv'ring ſtand,
From bitter cold to ſhield;
As *Dorcas* lent her ready hand,
Whom many tears bewail'd.

5 Slow to condemn, but prompt to bleſs,
Nor deems it irkſome toil,
On bleeding wounds of ſore diſtreſs,
To pour her balmy oil.

6 Th' intent eſteems life's real worth,
To benefit the race;
Her wiſhes travel o'er the earth,
And all mankind embrace.

HYMN CCCXXXI.

God the almighty Saviour and Defence.
Isa. xxvi. 1—11.

1 SALVATION will our GOD
Appoint for bulwarks ſtrong,
Around the pure abode;
And give a joyful ſong:
We GOD adore
Of wiſe deſign,
And ſtrength divine,
Eternal pow'r.

2 When men his might diſcern
Nations in judgment ſhake,
They righteouſneſs will learn,
And other lords forſake.
Great is our GOD,
And right his way,
When woes diſplay
His awful rod.

3 His perfect eye ſurveys
All that profeſs to truſt;
He thoughts and actions weighs,
Alone approves the juſt:
Who, as requir'd,
His name repeat,
For mercy wait,
As moſt deſir'd.

4 He brings the loſty down,
Depluming pride in duſt;
But ſtill the SAVIOUR known,
By all who truly truſt:
His hand will keep
In perfect peace;
And freely bleſs,
No more to weep.

HYMN CCCXXXII. S. M.

Solemnities predicted by Christ. Luke xxi. 25, &c.

1 SIGNS ſhall poſſeſs the ſun,
Pale moon, and twinkling ſtars;
And all th' earths nations feel diſtreſs,
Perplexity of wars.

2 The troubled ocean roar,
Stout ſpirits faint with fear,
Beholding, with moſt dire diſmay,
What awful ſcenes appear.

3 The pow'rs of Heav'n ſhall ſhake,
Oppreſſors know their doom;
With might and glory, in a cloud,
The ſon of man will come.

4 As when the fig-tree ſhoots,
At nature's juſt demand,
The tender ſcions indicate
The ſummer near at hand.

5 So dread alarms proclaim
The heav'nly kingdom nigh;
When chriſtians ſhall lift up their heads,
For their redemption high.

HYMN CCCXXXIII. C. M.

The bleſſedneſs of them that die in the Lord.
Rev. xiv. 13.

1 SERENE O LORD thy people's day,
And when their tents they leave,
In favour ſtill, as doom'd they lay,
And ſlumber in the grave.

2 Releas'd from toil, from ſorrow free,
In ſweet repoſe they reſt;
Their lives in peace reſign'd to thee,
By thee determin'd bleſt.

3 Secure in ſilence, far from ſtrife,
Their aſhes now remain;
Briefly the dormant heirs of life,
Their duſt ſhall live again.

4 He, who reſtor'd to Jeſus breath,
Shall ſoon diſturb their ſleep;
Then far remov'd from ſin, and death,
They'l never toil, nor weep.

HYMN CCCXXXIV. L. M.

Excellence of pure adoration, and folly of idolatry.
Pſ. cxv.

1 TO no dumb god our thanks ariſe,
Object of undiſcerning eyes;
JEHOVAH's ſight all-piercing runs
Through boundleſs tracks of blazing ſuns.

2 Heathens have form'd from ſilver ore
The ſenſeleſs image they implore;
Or, for their god, a golden ſhell;
But the MOST HIGH's inviſible.

3 Their molten gods hear vot'ries not,
Nor breath of life is in their throat;
The LORD, to whom we worſhip pay,
Spoke the dead darkneſs into day.

4 Idols have hands, yet nought can bring,
The POW'R DIVINE made ev'ry thing;
And bright with uncreated rays,
Can ſtill perform whate'er he pleaſe.

5 While buried nations silent lie,
We celebrate the pow'r on high:
Great on his heav'nly throne he dwells,
And loftiest praise his name excels.

6 Waiting on GOD what can we want?
His hand will all protection grant;
All blessings will his mercy yield,
Our present help and guarding shield.

HYMN CCCXXXV. C. M.

The love of God and of our neighbour entreated.
Mark xii. 30, 31. Eph. vi. 23. Phil. i. 9.

1 TEACH us O GOD ourselves to know,
And moral frailty learn;
How prone from equity to go,
With minds of unconcern:

2 Thee to adore with love supreme,
Thy pleasure to fulfil;
To sacrifice the dearest aim
To thy most holy will.

3 Teach us to keep revenge apart,
Though suff'ring sharp offence;
And know what gives another smart,
Self wounds with painful sense.

4 From venom free, and feelings hard,
Let charity be dear;
Our neighbour lov'd, with that regard
Which to ourselves we bear.

5 Give us a tender heart to mourn
What cruelty we meet;
True fortitude vile gain to spurn,
And loathe each curs'd sweet.

6 Thy favour LORD is perfect life;
And be its bleſſed ſmiles,
Sweet joy amidſt all worldly ſtrife,
The end of all our toils.

HYMN CCCXXXVI. L. M.

The acceptable worſhipper. Pſ. xxiv. 1—5. xxv. 8, 9. and xxvii. 4, 5. Matt. v. 8.

1 THE earth O LORD thy bounties fill,
Thy providence is full of grace;
Who ſhall aſcend into thy hill,
And ſtand within thy holy place?

2 The upright man, whoſe hands are clean,
Whoſe heart is pure, and undefil'd;
Free from deceit his ſoul ſerene,
And not with vanity beguil'd.

3 Whoſe conſcience humbly fears the LORD,
To thee directs his waiting eyes;
Who keeps thy cov'nant pure, and word,
And on thy mighty help relies.

4 One thing as chief his ſoul deſires,
To tarry in thy bleſt abode;
To view thy beauty he aſpires,
And there enquire thy will O GOD.

5 Moſt good and upright is thy mind,
Bleſt is the man who ſeeks to pleaſe;
He ſhall thy paths of mercy find,
In thy pavilion dwell at eaſe.

6 Safe as the apple of thine eye,
Thy hand ſhall moſt ſecurely guard;
His wiſhes thou wilt not deny,
Thy bleſſing is his ſure reward.

HYMN CCCXXXVII. S. M.

The moral character of God, or the divine goodneſs to humble ſupplicants. Jer. xxix. 10—14.

1 THOUGH dread may be the ſtorm,
GOD ne'er his cov'nant breaks;
But mercy viſits to perform
All the good word he ſpeaks.

2 He thinks towards our race,
In ſpirit of a friend,
Thoughts, not of evil but of peace,
To give th' expected end.

3 On him we call and pray,
He hearkens to the pray'r;
Nor will he with dire vengeance ſlay,
But like a father ſpare.

4 In ſeeking we may ſmart,
And darkling ſhades ſurround;
Yet if we ſearch with all the heart,
His favour will be found.

5 When ſcatter'd Jews ſhall ſee,
And humbly wail his frown;
He'll turn their ſore captivity,
And with rich bleſſings crown.

6 His prophecy deſcribes
What good they ſhall obtain,
When GOD will bring the weeping tribes
To their own land again.

HYMN CCCXXXVIII. C. M.

The goſpel Mediator. 1 Tim. ii. 5. Heb. viii. 6. and xii. 2. Acts iii. 13.

1 THE mediator hath appear'd,
Rais'd by the glorious ONE;

His voice is in the goſpel heard,
Jeſus the holy man.

2 He, all the former prophets ſent,
In miſſion far excell'd;
The objects great predictions meant,
In promiſe long beheld.

3 He liv'd and taught humility,
While th' earthly tent he trod;
Nor once aſpiring thought to be
The rival of his GOD.

4 When tri'd, by rich anointing ſeal'd,
Above his fellow men,
With truſt peculiar he appeal'd
To heav'n, and not in vain.

5 Ordain'd the cov'nant to unfold,
Of living terms to treat;
And be the glorious gift foretold,
His FATHER's mercy-ſeat.

6 Gracing the truth he teſtified,
Confirm'd it with his blood;
And breathing mercy as he died,
Was well approv'd of GOD.

HYMN CCCXXXIX. L. M.

Goſpel Truth aboliſhing Gentile Superſtition. Matt. iv. 16. Acts xvii. 22, &c. 1 Pet. ii. 9, 10.

1 TILL goſpel truth had kindled day,
The LIVING GOD to *Gentiles* taught,
Sunk they in ſuperſtition lay;
The world by wiſdom knew him not.

2 At *Athens*, fam'd among the *Greeks*,
Where poliſh'd lore and ſcience flood,

Did ignorance an altar fix,
Inſcribed, '*To the Unknown God.*'

3 There *Paul*, with heav'nly truth inſpir'd,
Declar'd GOD's pow'r that nature fram'd;
Whoſe mind no offer'd gifts deſir'd,
To all his offſpring grace proclaim'd.

4 At times of nature's duſk he wink'd,
When *Heathens* to dumb idols went,
To all polluted manners link'd;
But now commands them to repent.

5 Becauſe he hath a day decreed,
For judging juſtly all our race,
By Jeſus, number'd with the dead,
And reſcu'd from the ſilent place.

HYMN CCCXL. S. M.

Parable of the ſupper; or, Gentiles invited to the bleſſings of the goſpel which the Jews rejected.
Luke xiv. 16—24.

1 THE ſupper was prepar'd,
And tenders ſent to ſome;
But with ungrateful diſregard,
They all refus'd to come.

2 Each ſought a fair excuſe
In cares, for being rude;
Thus kindneſs treated with abuſe,
And vile ingratitude.

3 Then he who made the feaſt,
His ſervant ſent to find,
Thro' all the ſtreets, each willing gueſt,
Though maimed, poor, and blind.

4 Thus when the living bread
Deluded Jews diſdain'd,
Sought were the Gentiles to be fed;
And heav'nly food they gain'd.

5 May not our hearts refuſe,
And ſlight the goſpel day;
Nor ever ſeek ourſelves t' excuſe
In caſting truth away.

HYMN CCCXLI. C. M.

The Vineyard. Matt. xxi. 33, &c. Luke xx. 9-18.

1 THE OWNER's will was pleas'd to plant
A vineyard in the land;
And made to huſbandmen a grant,
Declaring his demand.

2 When ſervants in right ſeaſon came,
The rental they refus'd;
And each, in their ungrateful ſhame,
With wounding ſtripes abus'd.

3 When laſt of all appear'd his ſon,
Their anger was extreme;
Not e'en the bloody act they ſhun,
Th' inheritance to claim.

4 Could huſbandmen ſo fierce, and vile,
This holy vineyard keep?
Such as the heritage defile,
Their forfeiture muſt weep.

5 Let not our unbelief reject
The truth, that's living bread;
Or ſcorn the heir, GOD's own elect,
Ordain'd a glorious head.

HYMN CCCXLII. C. M.

Iſrael puniſhed for ſin, and redeemed from diſperſion.
Iſa. i. 2—9. Zeph. iii. Luke xix. 41—44.

PART I.

1 TREMENDOUS pow'r in righteous wrath,
To ſmite *Jeruſalem*,
The LORD uprear'd, though ſlow, and loath,
To riſe againſt her ſhame.

2 Her princes like fierce lions rav'd,
The judges wolves of prey;
Her prophets treach'rouſly behav'd,
And prieſts polluted lay.

3 She diſobey'd the ſacred voice,
Refus'd correction's rod;
Diſtruſt of higheſt truth her choice,
Shunning approach to GOD.

4 Then ſaw the land a tempeſt great,
In dreadful fury paſs;
Then mourn'd the city deſolate,
Her ſtreets laid waſte in graſs!

PART II.

Pſ. xiv. 7. Zech. xii.

5 Spirit of grace, and fervent pray'r,
Will GOD on *Iſrael* pour;
Beholding nations ſhall declare
The wonders of the hour.

6 The hour of penitential grief,
As for a ſon, will come;
When all the tribes ſhall ſeek relief,
And ſafe be guided home.

7 *Iſrael* ſhall ſmite the contrite breaſt,
Rememb'ring how they curs'd,
Their unbelieving guilt confeſs'd,
Looking on him they pierc'd

8 Then ſhall be ſaid, '*Jeruſalem*
'Fear not—ſweet praiſe employ;
'Thy captive tears are now a dream,
'And GOD's thy mighty joy!'

HYMN CCCXLIII.

Jewiſh reſtoration, and Gentile ingathering in the fullneſs of time. Lev. xxvi. 44, &c. Deut. iv. 29. 31. xxx. 1—6. Iſa. ii. 1—6. xi. 11, 12. xliii. 5—7. xxvii. 13. Jer. xxx. 3—11. xxxi. 5. l. 4, 5. Ezek. xxxvi. 21, &c. xxxvii. 21. Hoſ. iii. 4, 5. Amos ix. 14, 15. Obad. 17, &c. Zech. viii. 3, 4. Rom. xi. 26.

1 TO the ſound of the trumpet of old,
Were *Iſrael* injoin'd to repair;
To the tidings all bleſſings unfold,
They will their attachment declare.

2 To the ſtandard of mercy deſpis'd,
Like doves to their windows they'l flock;
See their enſign's fair beauties ſurpris'd,
And wonder they ever could mock.

3 From diſperſion collected again,
Reſemble the ſands of the ſea;
While their bleſſings deſcend like the rain,
Their glory as bright as the day.

4 Then their vineyards with bloſſoms ſhall ſmile,
Their valleys rich beauties reveal;
And the mountains drop ſweet wine and oil,
So glorious the day of *Jezreel*.

5 With Gentiles in peace they'l unite,
To truth evangelic reſign'd;
In the reign of meſſiah delight,
In bonds of new fellowſhip join'd.

6 Adverſe cauſes then ceaſing t' annoy,
They'l find a fix'd ſtation ſerene;
And no longer ſhall means to deſtroy,
On all the LORD's mountain be ſeen!

HYMN CCCXLIV.

Truth's proper glory; or, the heathen lands Chriſt's appointed inheritance. Gen. xviii. 18. xxvi. 4. Pſ. ii. 8 Iſa. xi. 9. 12. xl. 3–5. xxv. 7. xlix. 6. lxvi. 18. Matt. xxiv. 14. Luke iii. 4–6. Rom. xi. 25. Gal. iii. 8. Heb. i. 2. Rev. xv. 4.

1 THROUGH valleys deep of guilt and horror,
Muſt the goſpel trumpet ſound;
The olive branch, where ſtood the warrior,
Beautify the verdant ground.

2 Lands now o'erſhadow'd GOD hath choſen,
Glories of his truth to know;
And all the ſtreams, and rivers, frozen,
Shall in peace and freedom flow.

3 Bright o'er the dark benighted regions,
Will the ſon of mercy ſhine;
And all the blind unhappy legions
See, and bleſs, the rays divine.

4 The thorny plains now lying idly,
Where the ſavage tigers roam,
Shall ſee the fir tree ſpreading widely;
And the fragrant myrtle bloom.

5 Tongues never yet employ'd in bleſſing
HIM, who form'd the heav'ns and earth,
Shall ſoon be heard, in high rejoicing,
Celebrate their heav'nly birth.

6 The ſlain meſſiah's juſt dominion
Muſt embrace the land and main;
Divine is prophecy's opinion
Truth ſhall o'er all nations reign!

HYMN CCCXLV. C. M.

The Goſpel Kingdom. Matt. ix. 35. and xvi. 18. John xviii. 36.

1 THE kingdom of our bleſſed Lord
Is not of this vain world;
Not fix'd by laws its pow'rs afford,
Nor with its honours pearl'd.

2 This well conſiſts of ſubject minds,
Conjoin'd by faithful ties,
Here hope to pure obedience binds,
And ev'ry ſtatute's wiſe.

3 Adorn'd with richer beauty ſtands,
Than rear'd by human art;
Admiring wonder it commands,
Divine in ev'ry part.

4 Firm on the rock it ſhall endure,
Nor can beſiegers fell
Subvert a glory ſo ſecure;
Nor all the gates of hell.

HYMN CCCXLVI. L. M.

The Goſpel of Chriſt the moſt glorious of all the gifts of God. Matt. iv. 16. 2 Cor. iv. 6. vi. 2. 2 Pet. i. 19.

1 THE ſun, by POW'R DIVINE upborne,
Comes rolling up his orient wheels,
In the fair ſplendour of the morn,
Gilding with beauty all the hills.

2 The lucid moon of fainter rays,
True to projected uſe retain'd,
Waxing and waning ſtill to praiſe,
By certain laws of GOD ordain'd.

3 On earth his mighty works appear,
Man's ruminating thoughts abſorb;
Guided by ſkill that cannot err,
Revolving ever round its orb.

4 His greateſt wonder is reveal'd
In truth, more bright than ſhines the ſun;
Its purpoſe glorious well detail'd,
To give the globe a conſtant noon.

HYMN CCCXLVII. S. M.

The chriſtian character. Rom. vi. 4. viii. 1. Eph. v. 15. Col. i. 10. Heb. xiii. 18. Jam. iii. 13. 1 John ii. 6. iii. 18.

1 THE man that fears the LORD,
And virtue's path purſues,
Finds in his courſe a rich reward,
His vital hope renews.

2 The word of truth and grace,
His daily precious fare;
He ſeeks his pattern's ſteps to trace,
With vigilance, and pray'r.

3 With patient mien ſuſtains
What GOD is pleas'd to lay;
Believing wiſdom well ordains
The trials of his way.

4 Should ſhow'rs of arrows fly,
To wound his peace of mind,
His noble aims their force defy,
And leave revenge behind.

5 When nature's ſtrength recedes,
His ling'ring moments calm;
The mem'ry of his worthy deeds
Shall his good name embalm.

HYMN CCCXLVIII. C. M.

The Builders. Luke vi. 47, &c. 1 Cor. iii. 11-15.

1 THE builder who deſigns to fix
A fabrick long t' endure,
If wiſe, a ſtrong foundation ſeeks,
That it may ſtand ſecure.

2 On ſand the fooliſh builder rears
His coſtly pile of ſtate;
Nor weens the baſis of the piers
May ſink beneath their weight.

3 But when the mighty tempeſt blows,
And furious billows daſh;
That ſtructure firm endurance knows,
But this a dreadful craſh.

4 Hope's lofty columns may we found
On truth, the ſolid rock,
That when hard beating ſtorms rebound,
They may defy the ſhock.

HYMN CCCXLIX.

The Laſt Day. Matt. xxv. 31, &c. Mark, viii. 38. Luke xiii. 27. John v. 22. Acts xvii. 31. 2 Cor. v. 10. 1 Theſſ. i. 10. iv. 16, 17. 2 Theſſ. i. 7, &c.

1 THE day, the bright, the ſolemn day,
Comes flying on, nor makes delay,
When the dread trump ſhall ſound;
Then all the fun'ral grounds ſhall heave,
The human race their ſlumber leave;
Grand ſcenery around!

2 The SON OF MAN ſhall great appear,
His wondrous ſplendid glories near,
Bright ſeraphim his train;
Nations and tribes, of ev'ry clime,
Muſt witneſs all the ſcene ſublime;
What heart ſhall feel diſdain?

3 While hopes and terrors wax and wane,
Actions, and words, and thoughts, profane
Stand preſent to the view;
Each mem'ry, with new ſtrength inſpir'd,
Shall deeds recall in truth attir'd;
Full conſcious of their due.

4 Pale guilt, with palpitating heart,
Muſt hear the dreadful ſound, depart!
Accents like thunder ſhocks:
Behold the vivid lightnings glare,
Frantic with pangs of mad deſpair,
Howl to the falling rocks.

5 The friends of mercy, wiſely meek,
Will hear the voice of judgment ſpeak,
Ye bleſſed righteous come,

To light ſerene, beyond ſuſpenſe;
Peace, joy, and pure benevolence;
A bright immortal home!

HYMN CCCL. C. M.

The joy of finding the loſt. Luke xv. 4—10.

1 THE ſhepherd loſing from his ſtock,
Though but one feeble ſheep,
To find the loſt, forſakes his flock,
An earneſt ſearch to keep.

2 The prudent matron of the houſe,
Miſſing one ſilver piece,
Is ſorely anxious for the loſs;
Till found has no releaſe.

3 Both feel the loſt, the deareſt choice,
Engroſſing all concern;
More than in all poſſeſs'd rejoice
To ſee a ſafe return.

4 So there's more preſent joy in heav'n,
O'er one repenting ſon,
Than e'en by ninety nine is giv'n,
Who ne'er have ſtraying gone.

HYMN CCCLI.

Iſrael's triumph at the Red-ſea. Exod. xiv.

1 THE tyrant of *Egypt* reſolv'd
GOD's tribes in their march to purſue;
Whoſe minds were in trouble involv'd,
And knew nought for ſafety to do.

2 So dread did the danger appear,
They view'd in their front the *Red Sea*;

Proud *Pharaoh* with chariots in rear,
Determin'd with vengeance to ſlay.

3 Still ſhould the great camp of the LORD,
Beholding his pillar ſo near,
In hope have believed his word;
And waited his hand to appear.

4 True confidence would have refrain'd,
From being with terror diſmay'd;
But ah! they of *Moſes* complain'd,
And wiſh'd they in bondage had ſtay'd.

5 He meekly declar'd it unjuſt
For *Iſrael* to halt ſore afraid;
Advis'd to ſtand ſilent in truſt,
And ſee their ſalvation diſplay'd.

6 The prophet then lifted his rod,
Hope cheers, and deſpondency ſleeps;
The waters beheld their great GOD,
And wonder-ſtruck gather'd in heaps!

7 The angel, and pillar of cloud,
Stood guardians in rear of the band;
A ſea-mounded paſſage they trod,
And gain'd in high triumph green land.

8 Th' hoſts follow'd but wiſh'd to withdraw;
Their ramparts then fought with loud roar;
O'erwhelm'd the proud monarch they ſaw,
With all his hoſts, dead on the ſhore.

HYMN CCCLII. C. M.

The blind beggars. Matt. xx. 30, &c.

1 TWO poor blind beggars by the way,
Heard Jeſus paſſing by;

Longing to ſee the bleſſed day,
Utter'd their earneſt cry.

2 'Have mercy on us *David*'s ſon,
'O Lord regard our cries:'
Still, though by ſome rebuk'd, they moan,
For darkneſs ſeal'd their eyes.

3 The bleſſed JESUS bent on good,
Who heard the ſofteſt ſigh;
To know their need, before them ſtood,
Nor would their ſuit deny.

4 His high compaſſion, beaming bright,
On their dim eye-balls pour'd
The lovely rays of precious light:
They ſaw!—and GOD ador'd!

HYMN CCCLIII. S. M.

Chriſtian Fortitude ſtimulated. Iſa. xxxv. 4. Pſ. xxvii. 14. 1 Cor. xvi. 13.

1 THOUGH perilous the way,
And great the burden borne;
Shall chriſtians ſink in pale diſmay,
Faint, hopeleſs, and forlorn?

2 Shall not the great events,
That ſtand on ſure record,
Excite to quiet raſh complaints,
And truſting in the Lord?

3 Are not delightful views,
And proſpects moſt ſublime,
Preſented for our hope to chuſe,
Unlimited by time?

4 Shall not the goſpel good,
That promiſes to ſave,

Inſpire with nobleſt fortitude,
Hoſtility to brave?

5 Yes, we will hope in thee,
Our GOD, and Guardian Shield!
And ſcorn with timid haſte to flee
From the appointed field.

6 In thy moſt holy name,
With courage unappal'd,
We will thy righteouſneſs proclaim;
And march wherever call'd.

HYMN CCCLIV.

The DEITY *of Chriſtians.* Iſ. xl. 18. 28. Acts xvii. 24—31.

UNMOVEABLE the great CREATOR's throne
For ever ſtands; completely pure alone;
In light ineffable his nature dwells,
Whoſe brightneſs, more than clouds, his face conceals!

His wondrous works, divine perfections teach;
Supremely high no adorations reach;
The heav'n of heav'ns his glory's radiance fills;
His word gives life! his frown with terror kills!

In th' empty ſpace, he ſtretch'd the northern pole,
On nothing hung the new-form'd earth to roll;
O'er all the lifeleſs, and the living things,
Alike he reigns!—moſt ſov'reign King of Kings!

Strange work dire wrath, his mind to anger flow,
Yet daring foes fierce jealouſy ſhall know;
High in the ſtorm, and whirlwind, is his ſeat,
The loftieſt clouds mere duſt beneath his feet.

His preſence awes when dread rebuke is felt,
Whoſe voice of thunder makes the mountains melt;

Dries up the ſea, divides the earthly ground;
And heav'n's huge pillars tremble at the ſound.

Who like our GOD in mercy's glory ſits,
Conſoles the contrite, deepeſt guilt remits;
Compaſſion pure reveals, delights to bleſs,
And ſends good tidings, wide proclaiming peace?

HYMN CCCLV. C. M.

Devout aſpirations and praiſe of divine goodneſs.
Pſ. lxxxvi. 5. Jonah iv. 2. Eph. iv. 2.

1 UNITE our hearts O GOD! to praiſe
Thy glorious bleſſed name;
And ſweetly make th' admiring lays
Of all our hearts the ſame.

2 Be evil paſſions all ſubdu'd,
And envious thoughts ſuppreſs'd;
With joy rememb'ring GOD is good,
With his pure favour bleſt.

3 In brighter light th' angelic race,
Behold thy wondrous pow'r;
Yet we ſurvey revealed grace,
And thankfully adore.

4 With pardon free and full to bleſs
Is thy divine delight;
May faith and ſacred love increaſe,
To praiſe compaſſion bright.

5 Richly diſplay'd, thy love we ſee
No real good denies;
Still let thy mercy's glory be
The wonder of our eyes.

6 May we the path to heav'n purſue,
There, on immortal rays,
To look as with an angel's view;
And join angelic praiſe.

HYMN CCCLVI. L. M.

God, the chief Good. Pſ. iv.

1 UNWISE and ſordid minds exclaim,
'Who will divulge the good we need?'
Baſe pleaſure, gain, and airy fame,
The boons, their hopes and wiſhes feed.

2 O let our ſouls to thee aſpire,
GOD of our ſafety, hope, and life!
The beamings of thy face deſire,
Diſpenſing joy, midſt worldly ſtrife.

3 Far nobler good thy rays beſtow,
Than ever ſmil'd in nature's field;
In truth ſublimer bleſſings grow,
Than fruitful vales, and vineyards, yield.

4 Faith's true deſires may grace enhance,
With virtue cheriſh'd in our heart;
In the ſtraight path may we advance,
And for thyſelf be ſet apart.

5 With light of radiant favour bleſt,
Secure is truſt in thee our GOD;
Peace is the pillow where we reſt,
And happy ſafety our abode.

6 Divine thy worſhip, let us ſeek
Sincere devotion to repeat;
In honour of thy ſervice ſpeak,
There worth, delight, and glory, meet.

HYMN CCCLVII. C. M.

Dependence on God's Providence for all ſucceſs. Pſ. cxxvii. 1, 2. Job xii. 9, 10, &c. Prov. xvi. 9. 33. Jer. ix. 23. and x. 23.

1 UP to thy throne, O GOD of grace!
Sincere requeſts we ſend;
No further than thy will we trace,
Can we to thriſt pretend.

2 Builders may build, and watchmen wake,
As we may early riſe,
And daily bread of ſorrow take;
But GOD all good ſupplies.

3 When dangers ſpread a dire alarm,
Thou canſt relief ſupply;
Thy will's the ſtrength of ev'ry arm,
The ſight of ev'ry eye.

4 In thee we live, on thee depend,
Weak children of thy care;
Thy providence alone the friend,
That can our burden bear.

5 Freſh from the bleſſing of thy word,
Is all that we obtain;
Except thy hand its aid afford,
All labour is in vain.

6 O may the thought poſſeſs the mind,
That GOD IS ALL IN ALL!
In mercy conſtant refuge find,
And from thee never fall.

HYMN CCCLVIII. C. M.

Affections of mind beſought correſponding with the glorious excellencies of God revealed. 2 Cor. iii. 18.

1 UNABLE mortal minds to know,
Still more their tongues to ſpeak,
How great the gifts of GOD that flow,
Freely, where'er we ſeek.

2 While we behold the pow'r divine,
With goodneſs ſpread abroad,
And view the light of wiſdom ſhine;
May we rejoice in GOD.

3 When we peruſe the ſacred book,
Inſcrib'd by mercy's hand,
And to each gracious promiſe look;
May lively hope expand.

4 When we ſurvey the wondrous love,
In Jeſus beaming bright,
And truth deſcended from above;
O! fill us with delight.

5 While we the glories contemplate
Of GOD's approaching day;
May faith's deſires anticipate
The ſcene, without diſmay.

6 May humble confidence maintain
Its life in pure employ;
And let imparted bleſſings train
Our ſouls for brighter joy.

HYMN CCCLIX.

The chief desire. Or, divine aid including every thing. Ps. lxxiii. 25. Isa. xxvi. 8.

UP to the throne on high, the chief desire we send;
O! that the LORD would be our friend,
And life give ne'er to end.

Rememb'ring we have sinn'd, before thee we appear,
To offer penitential pray'r;
O! make each heart sincere.

Knowing that frail we stand, our help seek of the LORD;
All needful strength may GOD afford,
As speaks the sacred word.

While in a warfare kept, and sojourners remain,
Due ardour may our hope maintain,
Nor fight, nor run, in vain.

No more will we forsake the straight, and righteous, way;
Nor to temptation fall a prey,
If GOD his aid display:

By precious promises, in glorious truth appear,
Divinely strong, and brightly clear,
Imparting heav'nly cheer.

When number'd here our days, and finish'd, may we find
Pure light in glory fill each mind;
All frailty left behind.

HYMN CCCLX. L. M.

The Vineyard of Israel and Judah. Or, the awful forfeiture of privileges incurred by neglect. Isa. v. 1—7.

1 UPON the beauteous fruitful hill,
Stood a fair vineyard by design;
Securely fenc'd by heav'nly will,
And planted with the choicest vine.

2 The OWNER's care, and arduous toil,
The ſtones encumb'ring gather'd out;
And more manur'd the fertile ſoil,
While frequent ſhow'rs prevented drought.

3 Winepreſs, and tow'r, he deign'd to build,
Forming the expectation juſt,
That pleaſant fruit the ſpot ſhould yield;
When wild grapes only it produc'd.

4 What other means could be employ'd,
To make th' enclofure richly bear?
Let men that occupy decide,
And the baſe failure's fault declare.

5 Sure righteous judgments muſt befall
The favour'd hill in barren ſtate;
In ruins laid the fencing wall,
And left the vineyard deſolate.

6 Wild thorns, and brambles, crow'd the waſte,
The clouds witholding genial rain;
Thus men by ſinning are diſgrac'd,
And, ſlighting truth, deprav'd remain.

HYMN CCCLXI. C. M.

The great Myſtery explained. Or, God's rich grace extended to the Gentile world. Gen. xviii. 18. Iſa. xi. 10. Acts x. 45. xxvi. 23. Gal. iii. 14. Eph. i. 9, &c. Col. i. 27. 1 Cor. ii. 7.

1 UNFOLDED is the myſtery,
Moſt happily reveal'd,
Which, in dark terms of prophecy,
For ages lay conceal'd.

2 E'en the great purpoſe GOD deſign'd,
Long ere the world began,

Kept ſecret in th' eternal mind,
Part of his gracious plan.

3 That gentiles ſhould be fellow heirs,
Of the ſame body form'd
With Jews, partake of promis'd ſhares,
With one affection warm'd.

4 Not by good works, or legal rites,
Have gentiles ſo attain'd;
But GOD's free gift, whoſe ſoul delights
In grace, by truth explain'd.

5 All things new made by miracle,
Diſplay'd in Chriſt our Lord,
Whoſe riches are unſearchable;
And glorious hopes afford.

6 What human wit could ne'er preſage,
Was by th' apoſtles told;
Known by the church in ev'ry age,
GOD's wiſdom manifold.

HYMN CCCLXII. L. M.

The Song of the Gentiles. Or, the Gentile nations called and bleſſed by the Goſpel of Jeſus. Iſa. lxii. 2. lxvi. 19. Acts xxviii. 28. Rom. xv. 6—12. Eph. ii. 7, &c. iii. 5, &c. 1 Pet. ii. 5—10.

1 UPWARD our gentile voices riſe,
To praiſe the FATHER of all grace,
For pity to our heathen race,
Bringing ſalvation to our eyes.

2 Ages ordain'd were to fulfil,
Th' election ſpread to vaſt extent,

The goſpel to the Gentiles ſent,
By counſel of his ſov'reign will.

3 Made nigh by Chriſt's moſt precious blood,
That truth confirm'd, his labour crown'd;
To riches of pure grace redoun'd
All that endur'd the gift of GOD.

4 He preached peace to men far off,
And peace proclaim'd to others nigh;
That all might on one hope rely;
And none their joint expectants ſcoff.

5 No longer Gentiles ſtay abroad,
As foreigners his court diſdains;
But *Zion*'s honour'd citizens,
The temple of the LIVING GOD.

6 Built on the baſe, we joy to own,
By prophets and apoſtles laid;
Who wonders of rich grace diſplay'd,
JESUS th' eſtabliſh'd corner ſtone.

HYMN CCCLXIII. L. M.

Chriſt the great Phyſician healing ſinners by all his inſtructions of heavenly truth and grace. Luke v. 31, 32.

1 UNBLEMISH'D, and divinely pure,
Is all the truth of our great head;
To ſorrow yielding perfect cure,
The balmy bleſſings it hath ſhed.

2 All that deſires of life have felt,
This great phyſician came to ſave;
And all the pain'd with fears of guilt,
His bleſſed remedy will crave.

3 O'er all the mind his doctrine pours
Inſtructive light, enliv'ning joy;
Enlighten'd expectation tow'rs,
And glorious ſcenes the views employ.

4 Bleſt with the goſpel, far be fear,
Far ev'ry vain debaſing thought;
Be truth eſteem'd ſupremely dear,
With ev'ry precept Jeſus taught.

5 In faith we look from things below,
Which fade and vaniſh from the ſight,
To where ſublimer pleaſures grow,
Array'd in everlaſting light.

HYMN CCCLXIV. L. M.

God the ſearcher of hearts. Pſ. cxxxix. Jer. xxiii, 24. Heb. iv. 13.

1 VAST is thy knowledge, all profound,
GREAT GOD with thee is darkneſs day;
Thy wiſdom, in its leaſt diſplay,
A deep where human ſkill is drown'd!

2 Thou lookeſt with diſcernment bright,
All actions to thy view appear;
Retir'd, or riſen, thou art near,
My path is compaſs'd by thy ſight.

3 Before behind thy preſence is,
Witneſs'd whate'er my words deny;
My thoughts ſtand naked to thine eye,
It ev'ry inmoſt ſecret ſees.

4 Where from thy ſpirit can I flee,
Or hide me from thy beaming face?
Thy wiſdom can my footſteps trace,
And undiſguis'd my motive ſee.

5 If morning-wing'd to heav'n I riſe,
Or into hell by darkneſs creep,
Or utmoſt limit of the deep,
My way thy piercing view eſpies.

6 By thee are all my reins poſſeſs'd,
Still ſeen though veil'd by ſhades of night;
O! be the thought my chief delight,
And ever preſent to my breaſt!

HYMN CCCLXV. C. M.

God's penetrating eye. Pſ. cxxxix. Amos ix. 2, 3.

1 VAST is the reach of thy ſurvey,
LORD from thine awful throne,
Thy piercing ſight hath ſearched me;
And ev'ry purpoſe known.

2 My path by thee is compaſs'd round,
My footſteps clearly ſeen;
Each project view'd ere accents ſound
To utter what I mean.

3 The place where'er I take my reſt,
And when to act I riſe,
My mien, and ev'ry thought poſſeſt,
Stand preſent to thine eyes.

4 Where can I flee t' eſcape thy ſight,
When heav'n's thy grand abode;
In hell thy frown creates the night,
And ocean's depths are trod?

5 If ſecreſy I ſeek in ſhades,
From preſence all divine,
Th' obſcureſt realm thine eye pervades;
And makes e'en darkneſs ſhine.

6 How keen thy penetration is!
How wonderful thy love!
May I be faithful to thy praiſe,
And never wiſh to rove.

HYMN CCCLXVI. L. M.

The Publican and Phariſee. Luke xviii. 9—14.

1 VAIN fancy rul'd the haughty mind
Of the bold vaunting Phariſee;
Who proudly thank'd that GOD deſign'd
Him, moſt diſtinguiſhed to be.

2 He, though unjuſt in character,
To all important duties loſt,
Would ſtill as righteous feign t' appear,
Of faſts, and trivial tithings, boaſt.

3 The Publican his eye diſdain'd,
Who contrite diffidence poſſeſs'd;
At diſtance of his guilt complain'd,
And humbly ſmote his conſcious breaſt.

4 O GOD! to me be merciful,
My great and num'rous crimes forgive;
Free pard'ning mercy is thy rule,
Let an unworthy ſinner live!

5 Rich favour owns the meek requeſt,
Unheard the Phariſee remains;
The ſelf-exalted are the leaſt,
For GOD hypocriſy diſdains.

HYMN CCCLXVII. L. M.

Imperfection of Knowledge. 1 Cor. xiii. 9. 12.

1 VIEWS are imperfect here below,
'Tis but in part the wiſeſt know;

Though GOD hath wiſdom great reveal'd,
And bleſſings on his truth entail'd.

2 We know in part the ſaviour's worth,
GOD's mercy perſonate on earth;
What bleſſed peace pure truth ſupplies,
Forebodes what promiſes compriſe.

3 In part we know the wondrous ſcheme,
Embracing ev'ry human aim,
That will in place events retain,
As links of a ſtupendous chain.

4 What honour is for truth reſerv'd,
When pow'rs polluting are enerv'd;
Its certain univerſal ſpread,
And riſing of the moulder'd dead.

5 The future life, that faith declares,
In hope diſcern'd, true virtue heirs;
The ſcene of grandeur heav'n diſplays,
And perfect light of glory's days.

6 We know in part what GOD deſigns,
The bliſs of everlaſting lines;
Still knowledge is a glimm'ring ſpark,
Compar'd with GOD the ſun is dark.

HYMN CCCLXVIII. S. M.

Mutability of earthly things. Gen. xlvii. 9. Job v. 7. Heb. xiii. 14. Iſa. lx. 19, &c.

1 VARIOUS the ſcenes of life
In this our frail abode;
Where num'rous cares of toil, and ſtrife,
All earthly bliſs corrode.

2 Though clear begins the day,
Yet, ere the ſun ſhall ſet,

The low'ring clouds of dark diſmay
May pleaſing hope defeat.

3 If ſmiling friendſhip now
Delighting ſweets impart,
Anon may poignant paſſion throw
Its ſhafts, to wound the heart.

4 Though now we pleaſant eaſe
In health, and ſtrength, enjoy,
To-morrow may ſome fell diſeaſe
Aſſail, and life deſtroy.

5 O! may we ſolace ſeek
In GOD, for ever bright!
Whoſe pow'r will ne'er his cov'nant break,
Whoſe love is pure delight.

6 May this unchanging FRIEND
Aſſiſt t'wards heav'n to run;
Where perfect joy ſhall never end,
Where never ſets the ſun.

HYMN CCCLXIX. L. M.

Virtue of Chriſtianity. Phil. iv. 8. 2 Pet. i. 3. 5.

1 VIRTUE contains all excellence,
That judgment can diſcriminate;
All worth to which life makes pretence,
The charms of its moſt poliſh'd ſtate.

2 Virtue is love of order, right;
And of all being, amiable;
Its gen'rous ſpirit feels delight,
Where joys in moral worth excel.

3 Pure ends its principles approve,
Its ſympathies in truth imbu'd;

Embracing ties of kindred love,
Still cleaving to the gen'ral good.

4 Refin'd affections well ſupplies,
Guided aright, diffus'd abroad;
On nature's ſcale progreſſive riſe,
Aſcending gradually to GOD.

5 His ſon to ſacred love endear'd,
Whoſe truths from evil's ſhades releaſe;
In whoſe pure lovely mind appear'd
All moral virtue's maſter-piece.

HYMN CCCLXX. C. M.

Temptations. Luke xxii. 40. 2 Cor. xi. 3. Heb. iii. 13. 1 Theſſ. iii. 5. Prov. ix. 1. 10.

1 VICE holds its phantom to the ſight,
And courts the heart to glow;
While promiſes of freſh delight
In fair profuſion flow.

2 From flow'ry leas temptations waft
Their ſweet perfumes to pleaſe;
But though they breathe like zephyrs ſoft,
Rank poiſon taints the breeze.

3 Who heed ſeduction's airy dream,
And take the giddy courſe,
But plunge into the rapid ſtream,
To feel th' impelling force.

4 Near wiſdom's column let me ſtand,
Renouncing ſweets imbib'd;
And learn the warnings of her hand,
Monitions deep inſcrib'd.

HYMN CCCLXXI. L. M.

Practical Chriſtianity. Matt. v. 15. 37. John iv. 34. 1 Tim. i. 19. iv. 7. vi. 3. Eph. ii. 10 iv. 1. Phil. i. 27. ii. 16. Tit. ii. 10. 1 Theſſ ii. 12. Jam. iv. 12. 1 Pet. i. 15. 18. iv. 1—5.

1 VIRTUOUS and holy be the mind,
With thought ſincere be ev'ry act;
In conſcience may we witneſs find,
The righteous GOD approves the fact.

2 May all, our wiſhes truth t' obey,
In uncorrupted manners, ſee;
Our ſpeech ſincerely yea, and nay,
With beautiful ſimplicity.

3 All ſcripture precepts wiſe, and good,
May we reſpect with prudent zeal;
Prompted by lively gratitude,
In chriſtian practice ne'er to fail.

4 To CHRIST in character relate,
His pure example well regard;
His nobleſt virtues imitate,
Bearing in mind his high reward.

5 Rais'd be each ſoul to heav'nly joy,
Some fire to catch, new ardour gain;
Reſembling more the bleſt employ,
While here we ſojourners remain.

HYMN CCCLXXII. L. M.

The doom of Antichriſt. Rev. xi. 7, 8. xv. 6, 7. xvii. 4, 5. xviii. 2. 8, &c.

1 VILE myſtic *Bab'lon* grandly dreſt,
Whoſe harlot wiles high pow'rs delude,
Rides on the red ſev'n-headed beaſt,
Drunk with the ſlaughter'd martyr's blood.

2 Two witneſſes ſhall make complete
Their teſtimony, long denied;
Both die, and live, in *Sodom*'s ſtreet,
Where our bleſt Lord was crucified.

3 What time; ſtand on the ſea of glaſs
Sev'n angels, cloath'd in linen white;
Whoſe breaſts pure golden zones embrace,
To ſhow GOD's fearful vials bright.

4 The laſt dire trumpet's blaſt been heard,
Each vial its content out-pour'd;
The dreadful ſum of plagues appear'd,
And deſolating hailſtones ſhower'd.

5 Full goblet of inflamed wine,
GOD's wrath, on antichriſt be ſpill'd;
Accompliſh'd then his deep deſign,
And awful prophecies fulfill'd.

6 Proud glory's brought to loweſt ſhame,
Burſt vile ambition hugely ſwoln;
The joyful heav'ns, and earth, exclaim,
'Bab'lon is fall'n, for ever fall'n.'

HYMN CCCLXXIII. L. M.

The flight of Time. Pſ. cxliv. 4. 1 Cor. vii. 29—31.

1 VAST is the ſpeed of paſſing time,
Like the fleet courſer in a race!
As carried with its ſpeedy pace,
Let me regard the goal ſublime.

2 Quick as the weaver's ſhuttle thrown,
Sliding the curious webb to plait,
Time's flying moments never wait;
Juſt glanc'd, and inſtantly are gone.

3 As ſails the bark, by tempeſt driv'n,
Borne on its plank a paſſenger,
The certain courſe let wiſdom ſteer;
My port of deſtiny high heav'n.

4 More ſwift it glides—but yeſterday,
The fall—anon the trumpet's blaſt!
I would remark its rapid haſte,
And ſtudy my mortality.

5 Time marks the daring eagle's flight;
Exceeds the fleeting arrow's glide;
The ſhooting meteor ſcarce deſcri'd;
And ev'n the tempeſt's vivid light!

HYMN CCCLXXIV. C. M.

Holy awe in the divine preſence. Or, humble acknowledgments to God. Pſ. xvi.

1 We bleſs thee Lord with humble claim,
Whoſe mercy ever lives;
And, to the glory of thy name,
Counſel and ſafety gives.

2 Before our eyes we'll ever ſet,
Thy ſacred majeſty;
Screen'd by thine arm, no terrors great
Shall make our courage flee.

3 Faint is our praiſe, and feebly paid,
At beſt, our duties are;
No good to thee can be diſplay'd,
No profit by our pray'r.

4 With cheerful mind we would delight
In them, who know thy name;
Whoſe virtues, excellently bright,
Shine with a ſteady flame.

5 Kindly doſt thou our lot maintain,
Where fix'd th' inheritance;
And ever wilt a friend remain,
Our higheſt good t' advance.

6 Truth's lines incloſe, where'er they fall,
A goodly heritage;
Defending, like a fiery wall,
And heav'nly joys preſage.

HYMN CCCLXXV. L. M.

Obedience better than ſacrifice. Pſ. li. 16, 17. lxix. 30—33. Hoſ. vi. 6. Mic. vi. 6. Mark xii. 33.

1 WHEREWITH ſhall we approach the Lord,
And with a kind acceptance bow?
What ſervice true requires his word,
For pleaſing worſhippers, to ſhow?

2 Shall we a blazing alter raiſe,
With gifts perfum'd preſent ourſelves?
Or bring for off'rings to his praiſe,
Unblemiſh'd kids, or yearling calves?

3 Muſt we collect the fatted lambs,
His altar load with coſt, and toil?
Will GOD be pleas'd with thouſand rams,
Or flowing rivers of rich oil?

4 Or muſt we come with weeping eyes,
Slaying the dear the firſt-born ſon,
The body's fruit, to ſacrifice,
And cancel what the ſoul has done?

5 The LORD to guilty man has ſhow'd
What render'd off'ring he requires;

To coſtlieſt rites ſuperior good,
The produce of ſincere deſires.

6 All moral virtue to perform,
That truth, and juſtice, ſhine abroad;
The heart with love of mercy warm,
Humbly to pray, and walk with GOD.

HYMN CCCLXXVI. C. M.

God's abſolute dominion. Pſ. xciii. Iſa. xliv. 24. Jer. x. 6, 7. Acts iv. 24. 2 Tim. vi. 15. 16.

1 WHO ſways the ſceptre over all,
With ſov'reignty ſupreme,
Before whom higheſt ſeraphs fall?
Our GOD, the heav'ns proclaim.

2 Cloth'd in high glory, like a cloud,
With majeſty and ſtrength,
His firm-fix'd throne for ages ſtood,
Of everlaſting length.

3 Regions, and realms, and worlds, he made,
By his almighty pow'r;
Prompt at his word, from deepeſt ſhade,
The lights aroſe t' adore.

4 Wide is his reign, as ever ſpace,
All-perfect his high ſway;
Bright the pure radiance of his face,
His life eternal day.

5 What is the voice, the noiſe of floods,
Loud uproar of the world?
If his moſt mighty anger nods,
To darkneſs all is hurl'd.

6 Rich mercy is his chief delight,
His truth is like his throne;
And all, within his favour's ſight,
His reign devoutly own.

HALLELUIAH
The Lord omnipotent reigneth.

HYMN CCCLXXVII. L. M.

Divine Creative Power and infinite Sovereignty of God Iſa. xl. 12. lxvi. 1, 2.

1 WHO can compeer with GOD MOST HIGH?
Or dare the competition raiſe?
His attributes their like defy;
Yet mercy ſmiles on humble praiſe.

2 What mind his counſellor, or ſought
To guide his ſpirit in his way?
Who the ſtraight path of judgment taught,
Or his eternal might to ſway?

3 His finger drew vaſt nature's plan,
His hand contain'd the depths, and gales;
The heav'ns outmeted with the ſpan,
And weigh'd the mountains in his ſcales.

4 Behold the iſles in boundleſs ſcope,
But atoms from his ſceptre flung!
Behold the nations, but a drop,
A duſt in the great balance hung!

5 The pow'r that gave creation birth,
Surveys th' inhabitants as worms;
Sits on the circle of the earth,
The firmament his curtain forms.

6 Not all the animals that rove,
A meet oblation can afford;
Nor Lebanon's majeſtic grove,
Can burn an off'ring to the LORD.

7 Who can compeer with GOD MOST HIGH?
Or, dare the competition raiſe?
His attributes their like defy;
Yet mercy ſmiles on humble praiſe.

HYMN CCCLXXVIII. C. M.

Mount Carmel. Or, Elijah's altar inflamed.
1 Kings xviii. 18. &c.

1 WHOSE on *Mount Carmel* was the pow'r,
Diſplaying wondrous flame;
Where doubtful ſome, whether t' adore
The LORD, or *Baal's* high name.

2 There bold *Elijah* ſpake—'How long
'Halt ye, two thoughts between,
'Whether to ſerve?—Whoſe arm moſt ſtrong,
'Let him your GOD be ſeen.

3 'I for JEHOVAH ſtand alone,
'For *Baal* prieſts many ſtand;
'By offer'd bullocks now be ſhown,
'Who hath ſupreme command.

4 'Let them diſſect their ſlaughter'd beaſt,
'With limbs ſpread o'er their wood;
'Then I—Be he that burns, confeſt
'The ONLY LIVING GOD.'

5 They, bleeding, call for fire to come,
Fierce on their pile t' appear,
The loaded altar to conſume:
But *Baal* no cries could hear.

6 *Elijah* then his altar rear'd,
Of twelve memorial ſtones;
There, drench'd, his beaſt and wood appear'd;
And GOD his prophet owns.

7 All was with fire from HEAV'N conſum'd,
Whoſe glory ſhone abroad;
And people, by its light illum'd,
Seeing, confeſs'd his GOD.

HYMN CCCLXXIX. L. M.

Perfections of the Divine Majeſty. Pſ. lxxxix. 5–18. 2 Chron. xvi. 9.

1 WHO in the heav'ns may be compar'd
To thee, moſt great eternal KING?
Hath in reſembling honours ſhar'd,
Or can to thee a likeneſs bring?

2 Whoſe high right hand like thine can ſave?
What might thy faithful pow'r outvies?
Thy ſtrong arm ſtills the ſtormy wave,
And ſcatters all thine enemies.

3 Thine is the earth that ſteady rolls,
Its fullneſs all thy work divine;
Founded by thee its central poles,
And all the heav'nly lights are thine.

4 Thou dwelleſt high, enthron'd in light,
Juſtice and judgment form the baſe;
Thy wiſdom is ſupremely bright,
With truth and mercy ſhines thy face!

5 To hoſts above, and ſaints below,
Thy name is great and glorious known;
All muſt with ſolemn rev'rence bow,
Aſſembled near thy gracious throne.

6 Bleſt are the men who know thy voice,
In paths of righteouſneſs are ſeen;
In thy defence they ſhall rejoice,
Advancing in thy light ſerene.

HYMN CCCLXXX. S. M.

Communion with God in ſecret. Matt. vi. 6. 1 John i. 3.

1 WAYFARING men, though fools
In ſcience of the earth,
Have wiſdom of far higher worth,
Knowing the GOD who rules.

2 Of him, in thought moſt wiſe,
All help and pow'r to ſave,
They may with ardent wiſhes crave,
Lifting fiducial eyes.

3 In humble ſolitude
From worldly cares retir'd,
They may unboſom all deſir'd,
To GOD ſupremely good.

4 Yea, in the calm retreat,
With quiet mind appeal;
So well reſign'd to perfect will,
That bitter things ſeem ſweet.

5 Almoſt from life withdrawn,
And one with GOD become;
Hope looking to their Father's home,
Longing for th' heav'nly dawn.

HYMN CCCLXXXI. C. M.

Reſignation to Divine Providence. Luke xxi. 19. 2 Cor. iv. 17, 18. 2 Tim. vi. 6–8. 1 Pet. i. 7.

1 WHATEVER providence unfolds,
Our hearts ſhould not complain;

The rule eternal wiſdom holds,
And holds it not in vain.

2 At once his eye the world ſurveys,
No creature overlooks;
Goodneſs his ſov'reign hand diſplays,
And kind are his rebukes.

3 Afflictive ſcenes that pain the ſenſe,
His counſels wiſe permit;
Still guiding all the ſad events,
For comfort moſt complete.

4 One glance of his almighty pow'r,
Can darkneſs change to light;
Though gloomy ſeen the preſent hour,
The next may be as bright.

5 What if corrective ſtrokes remain,
If GOD abide our Shield,
To nobler ſkill they virtues train,
The arms of faith to wield.

6 With chriſtian fervour may we pray,
With child-like patience wait;
And when the ſprings of life decay,
In tranquil hope retreat.

HYMN CCCLXXXII. L. M.

Agur's wiſh. Prov. xxx. 8.

1 WITH deep ſubmiſſion to thy will,
LORD of the earth I meekly aſk,
Neither in need to pine, nor baſk
In luxuries, that riches deal.

2 Give me nor poverty, nor wealth,
Leſt, through diſtreſs of want I feel,

My heart ſhould be inclin'd to ſteal;
And utter lies to hide the ſtealth.

3 Or having too abundant ſhare,
My thoughts deny the GOD who gave;
And dwell, forgetful of the grave,
Grov'ling in duſt of ſordid care.

4 Grant me the golden happy mean,
Supply me with convenient food;
Thee may I know my higheſt good,
And count that knowledge bleſſed gain.

HYMN CCCLXXXIII. C. M.

Worthy is the Lamb. Rev. iv. 12. 1 Cor. xv. 25.

1 'WORTHY the lamb that once was ſlain,'
The heav'nly hoſts exclaim;
Admiring joy, through all their train,
Dwells on his lovely name.

2 Faith feels th' angelic ſentiment,
Enliv'ning pure eſteem;
Applauds the ſaviour mercy ſent,
From darkneſs to redeem.

3 Worthy the lamb inſpir'd to ſave,
Moſt faithful e'en to blood,
To triumph o'er the gloomy grave;
And riſe with joy to GOD.

4 In heav'n declar'd th' appointed lord,
His head high honours crown;
Bright glory there his right reward,
Here bleſſed his renown.

5 JESUS th' anointed king ſhall reign,
Till foes their hate deplore;
His ſtrong dominion muſt remain,
Till time ſhall be no more.

HYMN CCCLXXXIV. C. M.

The Spiritual Harveſt. John iv. 35, 36. Pſ. cxxvi. 5, 6.

1 WHITE to the harveſt look the fields,
Their ſmiling produce ripe,
That nature to man's labour yields;
The goſpel kingdom's type.

2 Its LORD we pray, whoſe mercies live,
And crown the yearly crop,
That he would faithful lab'rers give,
To reap the bleſſed hope.

3 They that have ſown in terror's tears,
Leſt perils ſhould annoy,
Reflecting on their gloomy fears,
May grateful praiſe employ.

4 Weeping they bore their precious ſeed,
Now peace their care relieves;
Richly they ſee their toils repaid,
Rejoicing in their ſheaves.

HYMN CCCLXXXV. S. M.

The expected ſpread of divine Truth. Pſ. lxxii. 16. Iſa. lxv. 17. Hab. ii. 14. Eph. i. 22. Col. i. 12—19. 1 Cor. iii. 7.

1 WHAT mind can comprehend
The mercy's wondrous plan,
In ſcripture truth announc'd to man;
Revealing GOD his friend!

2 The little precious grain,
Sown on the mountain's top,
Of glorious harveſt gives the hope,
By heav'nly beams and rain.

3 The word of golden grace
Shall certainly ſucceed;
Though ſeeming ills retard its ſpeed,
And all the world embrace.

4 To Chriſt all pow'r is giv'n
To change the human ſtate;
Ordain'd of GOD to new-create
All things, in earth and heav'n.

5 His truth can never fall,
Nor perfect aims be vain;
Thongh inſtruments be feeble men,
Yet GOD is all in all.

HYMN CCCLXXXVI. C. M.

The Goſpel Armour. Eph. vi. 11—18.

1 WRESTLING with pow'rs that high appear,
Whoſe fraudful art beguiles,
May we the goſpel armour wear,
To ſtand againſt the wiles.

2 To ſtand with firmeſt fortitude,
Demanded duty done,
Girded with truth, with ſtrength renew'd,
Virtue the breaſt-plate on.

3 Shod ev'ry foot to run the race,
With dangers undiſmay'd;
Cheer'd by the goſpel's perfect peace,
Prepar'd on thorns to tread.

4 Suſtaining ev'ry arm the ſhield,
Of true enduring faith;
Able to quench, whene'er aſſail'd,
The darts of ſin, and death.

5 Salvation's hope the helmet worn,
God's promiſes afford,
A ſpiritual ſword the weapon borne,
The doctrine of his word.

6 Praying with pure benevolence,
Watching with mind ſincere,
May GOD our hope, and ſtrong defence,
Give pow'r to perſevere.

HYMN CCCLXXXVII. C. M.

The Sea Tempeſt. Pſ. cvii. 23—31.

1 WHEN the dread tempeſt gathers high,
With blackneſs cover'd o'er;
Fierce lightnings gleam the pitchy ſky,
And thund'ring horrors roar.

2 More quick, as th' element inflam'd,
Succeeds the fork'd blue flaſh;
Louder the peals, as wide proclaim'd
Nature in wreck to daſh:

3 And raving wild the riſen wind,
That ſtirs the ſleeping ſea;
Man liſts the ſtorm, with troubled mind,
Pale, trembling with diſmay.

4 He views heav'n's wonders o'er the deep,
Working the mighty ſtorm;
And mounting on the billow'd heap,
He feels himſelf a worm.

5 Then plung'd into the watry dale,
His ſoul diſolves in fear;
Dumb-ſtruck he ſtaggers in the gale,
Till ſeen that GOD is near.

6 The dire extremity excites
To offer humble pray'r:
GOD's voice the raging ſtorm affrights,
The elements forbear.

7 Calm is the wind, the billows ceaſe,
Great goodneſs pow'r diſplays;
To this almighty cauſe of peace
Should men aſcribe the praiſe.

HYMN CCCLXXXVIII.

The Rivers of Babylon. Or, Iſrael in captivity.
Pſ. cxxxvi. Jer. lii. 4, &c.

1 WHERE rivers of *Babylon* flow'd,
All weary the people ſat down;
And gloomy in captive abode,
Their glory obſcur'd by a frown.

2 Deſpairing almoſt of relief,
Unable their weal to redeem,
Remember'd their *Zion* with grief,
And mingled their tears with the ſtream.

3 As murmur'd ſtrange waters along,
Their ſpirits were penſive, and ſad;
The victors demanded a ſong,
But who could in bondage be glad?

4 On willows the margin o'erſpread,
Were hung their mute harps in receſs;
The ſcene-cheering melody fled,
The time was a day of diſtreſs.

5 Could thraldom ſweet muſic employ?
No union makes ſorrow with mirth;
The ſonnets of freedom and joy,
Belong'd to the place of their birth.

6 *Jeruſalem*'s city moſt dear,
Was ſtill the fond hope of their night;
In *Salem* they long'd to appear,
For there flow'd the ſtreams of delight.

HYMN CCCLXXXIX. C. M.

Selfiſhneſs. Rom. xiv. 7. Heb. xiii. 16.

1 WHAT in this peopled world are we,
Who lately helpleſs came,
But members of ſociety;
And debtors to its claim?

2 What on this frail and mortal ſtage,
But creatures of a day?
A few brief hours wind up our age,
And witneſs our decay.

3 Shall we for trifles then our time,
And beſt attention ſpend,
As if mean cares were moſt ſublime,
And being here to end?

4 Or, ſhall it be our chief concern
All to ourſelves to graſp;
Letting the ſelfiſh paſſion burn,
And fix it in our claſp?

5 Never, until we ceaſe to feel
A gen'rous ſympathy;
And rend'ring aids to others' weal
Real felicity.

6 Truth will correct all ſordid care,
When duely underſtood;
Precept, and pattern, ſhow us there,
How bleſſed to do good.

HYMN CCCXC. L. M.

The Prodigal Son. Luke xv. 11, &c.

1 WHAT mad conceits, and ſenſeleſs pride,
Muſt the vain prodigal betide,
When he his patrimony crav'd,
By wanton luſts to be enſlav'd!

2 With haſte he left his pious home,
Aſtray in wild career to roam;
In riot mirth with laviſh waſte,
Indulging all deſires unchaſte.

3 Reduc'd to penury by wine,
And eating huſks when feeding ſwine,
Reflecting views compare his choice,
With bleſſings of his father's houſe.

4 Upbraiding thoughts his folly blame,
Compunction fills his heart with ſhame;
Reſolv'd in humble ſuit t' atteſt
The pity of a parent-breaſt.

5 With grief he came, in rags attir'd,
The only recompenſe requir'd;
Revolt confeſs'd, free pardon found,
And ſaw his father's love abound.

6 So each who will GOD's pleaſure ſhun,
Perverſely acts the rebel ſon;
Forſakes the happy path of life,
For anguiſh in remorſeful ſtrife.

7 So to meek eyes ſuffus'd with tears,
GOD's pard'ning mercy rich appears;
More ready than an earthly ſire,
To ſatisfy the pure deſire.

HYMN CCCXCI. C. M.

True Wiſdom. Prov. iii. 13. Luke vii. 35.

1 WISDOM is ſurely juſtified
Of all her family;
Her gifts to honour bright allied,
Her peace and truth agree.

2 If wiſdom's counſel good be heard,
Toys ceaſe the thoughts t' employ;
Far nobler objects are preferr'd,
GOD's pleaſure and true joy.

3 By wiſdom taught, the means ſelect
Warm diligence engage;
To virtue pure her words direct,
Found on the ſacred page.

4 Heeded, true wiſdom well inſtructs
The future to regard;
And all her followers conducts
To a divine reward.

5 Deſpiſers are in bondage held,
And veil'd their precious ſight;
By wiſdom folly is excell'd,
As darkneſs by the light.

HYMN CCCXCII. L. M.

The death bed of impenitent Sinners. Prov. i. 24, &c. Iſa. lxvi. 3, 4. Zech. vii. 12, &c.

1 WOE is their lot, whom habits bind
To vice with adamantine pow'r;
When low their ſun of life declin'd,
And ſinn'd away th' eleventh hour.

2 All healthful vigour now diſſolv'd,
And to the dying pillow brought,
Hopes of vain fancy are involv'd
In wild confuſion's whirl of thought.

3 Or, feeling nature's fear'd decay,
The mem'ry's grievous burdens preſs;
Dim eyeballs roll in ſad diſmay,
The heart-ſtrings breaking with diſtreſs.

4 Or, conſcience ſeer'd, the parting breath
No token leaves of mental war;
The callous ſinner falls in death,
To wake and meet a dreadful bar.

5 May we renounce with ardent zeal
Whate'er is vile, and virtue prize;
That when theſe tabernacles fail,
We may to its perfection riſe.

HYMN CCCXCIII. C. M.

National crimes incurring the awful viſitations of Divine Providence. Iſa. xxiii. Jer. xxii. 13-19. xxiii. 10–12. xxxiv. 17. Ezek. xiv. 13, 14. Joel iii. 6–17. Luke x. 13.

1 WOE to the land where juſtice ſinks,
Want vainly bends the knee;
And greedy av'rice boldly drinks
The ſtreams of charity.

2 Where pride with haughty mien prevails,
On humble manners treads;
And vice in pamper'd luxury ſwells,
That poverty upbraids.

3 The worſhip merely outward ſhow,
A golden heap the god;

And boaſted wealth and honours grow,
At dire expence of blood.

4 Great was proud *Tyre* in merchandiſe,
And rich with trade in men;
There ſorrow wail'd, and weeping eyes
Beheld bright ſplendour vain.

5 The righteous GOD rules ev'ry land,
The ſtate of all inſpects;
And, by the judgments of his hand,
Iniquity corrects.

HYMN CCCXCIV. L. M.

The Chriſtian Communion. Luke xxii. 19, 20. 1 Cor. x. 16, 17. xi. 23, &c.

PART I.

1 YES in obedience to thy will,
O GOD! we wait upon thee ſtill;
And, at the table of thy ſon,
Bewail offences we have done.

2 To reconcile our hearts to thee,
Jeſus reveal'd thy mercy free,
Love's wondrous deeds in him appear'd,
To each believing heart endear'd.

3 To teſtify his doctrine true,
From pains of death he ne'er withdrew;
Meekly reſign'd he clos'd his eyes,
And died in bleeding agonies.

4 From ſin redeem'd at ſuch expence,
Outweighing fineſt gold's pretence;
Be all polluting thoughts declin'd,
And ev'ry pow'r to thee reſign'd.

PART II.

5 Rich truth to ſeal, our ſhepherd bled;
We grateful eat memorial bread,
Remembrance of his death to keep;
And drink the cup of fellowſhip.

6 Moſt faithful to the promiſe made,
GOD's pow'r reſtor'd him from the dead;
We bleſs divine approving love,
That rais'd him to reward above.

7 Here we renounce deſires unclean,
Intents corrupt, and paſſions mean;
Profeſſion of our faith renew,
Pure motives, praying to purſue.

8 Our maſter's virtues may we chuſe,
Their joyful mem'ry never loſe;
To him be ev'ry heart conform'd,
And with his love each ſpirit warm'd.

HYMN CCCXCV. C. M.

Hymn of divine worſhip at the table of Chriſt. Eph. iv. 15, 16. Col. i. 18 Heb. xiii. 20, 21.

1 YIELDING, O GOD! to thy command,
We here rejoice to own
Ordain'd the church's head to ſtand,
Jeſus thy bleſſed ſon.

2 In bread, and wine, of ſacred uſe,
Are great events implied;
Remembrance may we never loſe
Of love, thus ſignified.

3 Now may the GOD of peace, and good,
Whoſe pow'r rais'd from the dead

Our ſhepherd, thro' the cov'nant's blood,
For confirmation ſhed:

4 Make us in ev'ry work complete,
And conſtant aid afford,
To render holy ſervice meet,
Through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord.

5 Like him may we be rais'd to heav'n,
Thy preſence to adore;
To thee be higheſt glory giv'n,
Both now, and evermore.

HYMN CCCXCVI. S. M.

Equity and reaſonableneſs of divine demands.
Luke xii. 48.

1 YEARNING with clemency,
The LORD to men appears,
Ev'n blending high authority
With pity, that forbears.

2 Not a hard maſter GOD,
Requiring grain to reap,
Where never ſcatter'd ſeed abroad
Mark'd the good ſower's ſtep.

3 His laws to duty call,
And tendereſt grace diſplay;
For pow'r hath GOD beſtow'd on all,
His pleaſure to obey.

4 He ſent down from above,
The gift that raiſed Chriſt;
Revealing a kind FATHER's love,
Moſt dear, when rightly priz'd.

5 Where he, with lib'ral hand,
Has means of life beſtow'd,

His perfect juſtice makes demand,
That anſw'ring fruit be ſhow'd.

6 Bleſt as we are with means,
With noble talents bleſt,
May we evince, in ſuiting gains,
Sincerity poſſeſt.

HYMN CCCXCVII. C. M.

The Interceſſion of Jeſus. Luke xxiv. 51. John xvi. 26. Acts ii. 33—36. Rom. viii. 34. Heb. i. 3. 1 Pet. iii. 22. 1 John ii. 1.

1 YES in the realm of perfect light,
Near to th' eternal throne,
Array'd in glory on the right,
The man we love to own.

2 Exalted there who once was ſcorn'd,
The chriſtian church's lord;
With a bright diadem adorn'd,
His virtue's high reward.

3 The warm affection he retains
That labour'd to redeem;
The ſame as from his pierced veins
Pour'd forth the crimſon ſtream.

4 Hope may to this forerunner look,
Great founder of the faith,
Praying the FATHER of his flock,
With kindly pleading breath.

5 Hear'd is his interceding pray'r,
That all who know his voice,
May ſhine in ſinleſs honour there,
And ever there rejoice.

HYMN CCCXCVIII. C. M.

Excellence of the Chriſtian Doctrine. Phil. iii. 8–14.

1 YEA doubtleſs all things are but loſs,
Earth's beſt enjoyment pain;
Its fineſt gold unworthy droſs,
Compar'd with chriſtian gain.

2 For excellence of knowing him,
Who on the tree expir'd,
Loſſes, hard toils, and pains, may ſeem
Grateful as things deſir'd.

3 To know his reſurrection's pow'r,
His ſuff'ring's fellowſhip;
And to his death conforming more,
Is grain of heav'n to reap.

4 Hope ſtill is with pure knowledge fed,
Not yet attain'd the meed,
The reſurrection of the dead,
And glory to ſucceed.

5 All things forgetting, left behind,
Reaching to theſe in view,
The mark, and prize, in ev'ry mind
Should lively zeal renew.

6 Theſe things are true, of honeſt name,
Juſt, pure, and lovely, are;
Of good and venerable fame,
And praiſe of virtue bear.

HYMN CCCXCIX. S. M.

Paul's noble diſdain of the charge of hereſy in the chriſtian faith, and worſhip of the one only true God. Acts xxiv. 5. 14—16.

1 YET, ſaid the Nazarene,
Though many tongues agree

To call with rancorous diſdain
My worſhip hereſy.

2 I 'll firmly perſevere
To worſhip ONE alone;
In faith eſteeming all things dear,
Purely recorded known.

3 I 'll ſerve the LIVING GOD,
Known in the church of old;
The wonders of his grace applaud,
In peril waxing bold.

4 Still chriſtian hope maintain,
His purpoſe will diſplay
Of all the juſt, and unjuſt men,
A reſurrection day.

5 Diſcarding vain pretence,
And keep the righteous plan;
A conſcience, void of all offence,
T'wards God and ev'ry man.

HYMN CCCC. L. M.

The Key-ſtone of Chriſtianity. Or, the grand fact of the Goſpel well-atteſted. Luke xxiv. Acts ii. 32. v. 41. vi. 10. x. 40. xiii. 30. xvii. 31. 1 Cor. xv. 16.

1 YES, the truth ſhines as bright as day,
That Jeſus left the ſepulchre:
Some who beheld the body lay,
Saw after this their lord appear.

2 Not proud his riſen ſelf to ſhow,
As if by oſtentation led;
Enough review'd to prove it true,
And far the glorious fact to ſpread.

3 Many deni'd the grand event,
And feign would its great proofs diſpute;
But nought that made it evident,
Could all enquiring ſkill refute.

4 Cavils oppos'd the fact confirm'd,
Proving a rigid ſcrutiny;
Conſent had been, if gen'ral, term'd
Colluſion, form'd in pollicy.

5 Could they the glorious deed defam'd,
By ſearch the leaſt deceit diſclos'd,
Soon had malignant zeal exclaim'd;
And all the fallacy expos'd.

6 Plain, but firm, witneſſes declar'd,
Since death they heard his vocal breath:
Diſtreſs, for this known truth, they ſhar'd;
And ſeal'd it in tormenting death.

7 So clear its evidences beam'd,
Enforc'd by miracles ſo bright,
That nations ſaw ſtrong faith it claim'd,
Life future viewing in its light.

8 Here ſtands belief, and ſafely ſtands;
More preſs'd the arch ſtill more ſecure;
Here faith defies infernal bands;
And ſees immortal glory ſure!

HYMN CCCCI. C. M.

Chriſtian Truth and Liberty. Iſa. xi. 9. xix. 18, &c. xlix. 22. liv. 14. Rom. viii. 21.

1 YOK'D lay in bondage ſore oppreſs'd,
Beneath proud tyranny,
Iſrael, whoſe wrongs the LORD redreſs'd,
And ſet from bondage free.

2 Though tyrant-rage, he may permit
To trample right in duſt;
Still is he able to defeat
The plans of pow'r unjuſt.

3 And willing, when deliv'ring might
Shall moſt in wiſdom ſhine;
Conducing beſt to bring to light
Love's ultimate deſign:

4 The ſpread of truth and liberty,
Benevolence implores;
That *Aſia*'s plains ſhall joy to ſee,
And *Afric*'s injur'd ſhores.

5 There ſhall deſiſt gain's ſavage hand
Dear kindred ties to break;
And men to leave their native land,
Moaning the parting ſhriek.

6 Nations no more be ſlaves of vice,
Nor in war's gulph be hurl'd;
Truth well eſteem'd a pearl of price,
With freedom bleſt the world.

HYMN CCCCII. S. M.

Dangers of Youth. Or, neceſſity of vigilant virtue in the early part of life. Job xiii. 26. xx. 11. Eccl. xi. 9. Eph. v. 6.

1 YOUNG minds, with ſnares beſet,
Oft bound'ries treſpaſs o'er,
By wiſdom fix'd, ſupremely great!
And bitter pains deplore.

2 Soon into guilt ſurpriz'd,
Neglected cautious care,
And counſels pure of Chriſt deſpis'd,
To watchfulneſs, and pray'r.

3 Then captive led each mind,
Enſlav'd to vicious will,
Seeking in ſin ſome ſweet to find;
And vile deſires fulfil.

4 Alas! they forward tread,
Nor reck that ways profane,
Their blind unwary trav'lers lead
To the moſt doleful bane.

5 O! may young minds ſecure
Their thoughts with wiſdom's truth;
And cultivate th' affections pure
Of piety in youth.

HYMN CCCCIII. C. M.

Early Piety. Pſ. cxliv. 12. Eccl. xii. 1. Jer. ii. 2. Lam. iii. 27. 2 Tim. iii. 15.

1 YOUTH is the time for ſeeking good,
While tender is the mind;
Ere evil biaſes delude,
Or vicious habits bind.

2 Life's bloomy morning favours truth,
Deſires and motives pure;
Virtues impreſs'd on early youth,
To age may well endure.

3 Rememb'ring the creator now,
Shall thouſand ills prevent;
And ſpare reflection's furrow'd brow,
On vaniſh'd time miſpent.

4 How juſt that HE ſhould have the prime
Of mortal life's brief hour!
Who, but the AUTHOR of our time,
Should claim the faireſt flow'r?

HYMN CCCCIV. L. M.

Training for heaven under the bleſſing of God accompanying the gracious means. Rom. ix. 23. Col. i. 12, 13. 1 Pet. i. 4. Heb. vi. 7. Dan. xii. 3.

1 YOND world, of perfect bliſs above,
Allures the conſtant chief regard;
Where pureſt joy, in ſacred love,
Moſt brightly gilds the great reward.

2 How rich the means, beſtow'd to train,
For this divine, and bleſt abode!
Which like the cultur'd earth, in rain,
And rays, their bleſſing have from GOD.

3 O! may we keep ſalvation's way,
Guarded, and led, by mercy's hand;
Behold the dawn of glory's day
And reach at laſt the promis'd land.

4 There like the ſtars ſerenely bright,
Shall all the truly righteous ſhine;
GOD's gracious preſence be the light,
This heav'nly ſun will ne'er decline.

HYMN CCCCV. C. M.

Redeeming the Time. Pſ. xc. 9. Rom. xiii. 12. 1 Theſſ. v. 2—11. Eph. v. 15, 16. Jam. iv. 14. 1 Pet. iv 7.

1 YEARS fleet with rapid ſpeed away,
And bear us in their haſte;
The mortal age a tranſient day,
Review'd the minutes paſt.

2 Shall we in negligence, and ſloth,
The current moments ſpend?
And ſhow a liſtleſs ſpirit loath,
T' enſure a heav'nly friend?

3 Aid us GREAT GOD, ſupremely good,
To ſearch with care the heart;
And, by pure heav'nly grace bedew'd,
With lukewarm thoughts to part.

4 May we to vigilance, and pray'r,
Attentive minds devote;
Redeem the time, and gladly ſhare
The bleſſings, truth has taught.

5 Grant us to look low ſcenes beyond,
With vanities impearl'd;
And ſtretch believing hopes, moſt fond,
To th' everlaſting world.

HYMN CCCCVI. C. M.

Iſrael's wonderful bleſſings and corrections from God.
Pſ. lxxviii. lxxxi. cvi. 12, 13.

1 *ZOAN*'s ancient field, with awe, diſplay'd
The terrors of the LORD;
And *Sinai*'s mount, with glory ſpread,
Declar'd his awful word.

2 *Iſrael* the wonders of his hand,
And mighty pow'r beheld,
That guided through the deſert land,
Yet *Iſrael* oft rebell'd.

3 With cloud by day, at night with fire,
The marching tribes he led;
And made, to ſatisfy deſire,
The rock a river ſhed.

4 The doors above he open'd wide,
For their continual good;
And manna, corn of heav'n, ſupplied,
Yea gave them angels' food!

5 Diſtruſting ſtill his pow'r to ſave,
They murm'ring plaints rehearſe;
The feather'd quails requir'd he gave,
But ſent them with a curſe.

6 Then they remember'd GOD their rock,
Yet flatter'd with their mouth;
Their hearts his cov'nant kind forſook,
And made his ſpirit wroth.

7 But being of compaſſion full,
Would not completely ſlay;
Nor make his holy promiſe null;
But turn'd his wrath away.

HYMN CCCCVII. C. M.

Zeal. 2 Kings x. 16—31. Rom. x. 2. Gal. i. 13, 14. iv. 17, 18. 1 Cor. xvi. 13. Tit. ii. 14. Jude iii.

1 ZEAL uninſtructed forward runs,
Betraying wild intemp'rate heat;
And while th' extreme of torpor ſhuns,
Will raſhly real good defeat.

2 With *Jehu* drives, diſdaining heed,
All from its pale ſeverely dooms;
Its mark o'erſhoots, in deſp'rate ſpeed,
And like wild fire itſelf conſumes.

3 But temper'd zeal with prudent care,
To faith ſupplies important aid;
Conflicts aſſiſt the mind to bear,
And urges where wiſe dictates lead.

4 Let underſtanding, fill'd with light,
Dominion conſtantly maintain;
While paſſions own the judgment's right,
And yield ſubmiſſion to its reign.

HYMN CCCCVIII. C. M.

Zaccheus. Luke xix. 2—10.

1 ZACCHEUS ſtation'd in the tree,
To view his Lord paſs by,
When call'd to haſten down, and ſee,
His greateſt bleſſing nigh;

2 Came inſtantly, and CHRIST receiv'd
Into his houſe with joy;
While murmur'd ſome, his heart believ'd
The truths, his thoughts employ.

3 'Behold my changed aims forſake
'Extortion, and exceſs;
'I render, where I us'd to take,
'And love the poor to bleſs.'

4 Thus Jeſus kindly cheer'd—'This day
'Salvation to thy home:
'To ſeek, and ſave, the fall'n away,
'The ſon of man is come.'

HYMN CCCCIX.

Goſpel Zion. Pſ. cxlix. 2. Iſa. xxxv. 10. li. 3. liv. 11—13. lxi. 3. Heb. xii. 22.

1 ZION is the place for knowing
Happy reſt from mental pains;
Here's the joyful trumpet blowing,
Moſt important truth it means:
Sweet the notes, and all appeaſing,
To the timid troubled mind;
Yielding hopes divinely pleaſing,
To eternal life aſſign'd.

2 ZION is the choiceſt bleſſing,
Springs of pureſt joy abound;
Conſolation ſtill increaſing,
Here the light of life is found:

Mercy in its annals ſhining,
Richeſt promiſes impearl'd;
Love reveal'd the heart refining,
Fitting for a better world.

3 ZION's pavement's bright, and golden,
All her walls of precious ſtone;
Charming calls my heart embolden,
Can I be refus'd alone?
Hope excited now indulging,
Sure I 'll ſeek, and never ſwerve,
From the bleſſed truth, divulging
Brighteſt glory in reſerve!

HYMN CCCCX. C. M.

The Goſpel Zion giving free admiſſion, and ſacred joy to all who ſeek Pſ. xlviii. 2. Iſa. xxviii. 16. Rom. ix. 33. 1 Pet. ii. 6.

1 ZION once ſtood the dear delight
Of God's adoring tribes;
Now pleaſure of believing ſight
That ſacred joy deſcribes.

2 The goſpel of our peace ſupplies
A place of free reſort;
And all may with rejoicing eyes,
Attend on Zion's court.

3 Peace, the rich jewel of the breaſt,
In worſhip pure employ'd,
Is prelude of the heav'nly reſt,
In proſpect now enjoy'd.

4 May we diſdain inferior gains,
In hope of glory live;
Worthy of Zion's citizens;
And God his bleſſing give.

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SUPPLEMENT.

HYMN I. C. M.

Confidential recourſe to God. Pſ. xxxiv.

1 ATTUNE each heart, O GOD of love!
To praiſe thee with our tongue;
May mercy condeſcend t' approve
The tenour of the ſong.

2 Young lions lack, and hunger bear,
But they who ſeek the LORD
Shall in the bounteous bleſſings ſhare,
Thy favour will afford.

3 To thee the poor in ſtraits complain,
The needy lift their cries;
Thine arm delivers from their pain,
And renders kind ſupplies.

4 Thy goodneſs hears all men that pray;
And looking to thy grace,
In humble hope, thy gentle ray
Shines joy upon their face.

5 Thy paſtures yield the plenteous food
Beſt ſuited to their choice;
They taſte, and ſee that thou art good,
And in thy name rejoice.

6 All contrite ſpirits thou wilt ſave,
And make thy preſence know:
Whate'er a broken heart can crave,
Compaſſion will beſtow.

HYMN II. C. M.

Sincerity. Deut. xviii. 13. 1 Sam. xii. 20. xvi. 7. Pſ. xi. 4, 5. lxvi. 18. Luke xii. 1, 2. John iv. 24. 2 Cor. i. 12. viii. 12.

1 AWAY be caſt terreſtrial care,
When GOD our homage claims;
May thoughts devout each heart prepare,
Well cheriſh'd upright aims.

2 Should we defil'd intentions keep,
His holy name profane;
Though pray'rs themſelves in penance ſteep,
The ſacrifice is vain.

3 To God deſires, and hopes, ariſe
In praying breath ſincere;
None but the meek, before his eyes,
Acceptably appear.

4 By him each ſecret thought ſurvey'd,
Great ſearcher of the mind!
He knows what flatt'ring worſhip's paid,
For other gods deſign'd.

5 Renounc'd be all deſires impure,
And ev'ry carnal joy;
With GOD may we our hearts aſſure,
His praiſe our dear employ.

HYMN III. L. M.

Paul arraigned before Feſtus and Agrippa.
Acts xxvi. 6, &c.

1 ARRAIGN'D for truth, the champion *Paul*,
With fervid zeal, its cauſe could plead,
In greateſt dangers undiſmay'd;
Not kings could make his ſpirit fall.

2 GOD's choſen veſſel, to convey
The goſpel to the Gentile race;
By teſtifying heav'nly grace,
Their eyes to open on the day.

3 'In witneſſing to ſmall, and great,
'My captive heart with joy obey'd
'The viſion from on high diſplay'd;
'Deeds urging for repentance meet.

4 'I ſhew what met prophetic ſight,
'Midſt rage, by help from GOD alive;
'That Chriſt ſhould ſuffer, and revive,
'And be to Jews and Gentiles light.

5 When *Feſtus* would, with haughty air,
To madneſs chriſtian zeal degrade;
'I am not noble *Feſtus* mad,
'But truth and ſoberneſs declare.'

6 Almoſt convinc'd, himſelf confeſs'd
Agrippa, by the pow'r perceiv'd;
'Like me,' ſaid *Paul*, 'would all believ'd,
'Except the chain that galls my wriſt.'

HYMN IV. S. M.

Solemn proſpects exciting diligence in duty.
2 Pet. iii. 10–14.

1 ALL things ſhall be diſſolv'd;
Theſe heav'ns muſt paſs away,
This earth in fervent heat involv'd,
In the great haſt'ning day.

2 Still, as high vows aſſure,
Will GOD in truth reveal
New heav'ns, and earth, in glory pure,
Where righteouſneſs ſhall dwell.

3 Beholding ſuch events,
In chriſtian faith, as near
And knowing GOD the ſtrong defence,
How ſhould our lives appear?

4 With proſpects ſo divine,
Be diligence our care;
That in the criſis we may ſhine
Blameleſs, ſerene, and fair.

HYMN V. L. M.

Devout praiſe to the Almighty Benefactor. Pſ. ciii.

1 BLESS, O my ſoul, the mighty GOD!
With praiſe his holy name applaud;
Never his wondrous deeds forget,
And pard'ning mercy all complete.

2 He hears the breathings that beſeech,
And crowns with loving-kindneſs rich;
Renewing ſtrength his favour brings,
And ſatisfies with heav'nly things.

3 His gracious mind to anger ſlow,
In plenteous ſtreams his mercies flow;
Judgments ſevere ne'er dealt his hand,
In equal ſcore to ſin's demand.

4 High as the heav'n the earth above,
To them who fear him ſhines his love;
Far put, as eaſt and weſt apart,
Is guilt from ev'ry broken heart.

5 As fathers kind for children feel,
His pity ſees diſtreſs to heal;
He knows our frame, and humble truſt,
Rememb'ring that we are but duſt.

6 All fleſh is like the fading flow'r,
Like graſs that flouriſhes an hour:
But GOD is from eternity,
His mercy infinitely free!

HYMN VI. L. M.

The end of the death of Chriſt. Acts ii. 23. Rom. vi. 10, 11. and xiv. 9. 2 Cor. v. 14, 15. Gal. i. 4. Eph. v. 25—27. Heb. x. 10. 1 Pet. i. 18, 19. ii. 24. and iii. 18. 1 John. iii. 5.

1 BENIGN in ſpirit Chriſt appear'd,
The world his gracious deeds beheld;
Diſciples witneſs'd, and rever'd,
The heav'nly character reveal'd.

2 Through all his manner undefil'd,
With high authority he taught;
His doctrine pure, in accents mild,
Convey'd with wondrous force of thought.

3 Yet ſome could feel in bloody luſt,
Infernal joy to ſee him die;
And could a murder ſo unjuſt,
Eternal juſtice ſatisfy!

4 He ſuffer'd by men's wicked hands,
To bring us nigh to GOD in peace;
That we as dead to ſin's demands,
Might live in faith to righteouſneſs.

HYMN VII. S. M.

Sacred praiſe. Pſ. xxxiii.

1 COMELY is ſacred praiſe,
Rejoicing in the LORD,
For upright men his mercy ſtays,
By knowledge of his word.

2 The heav'ns above he made,
By his almighty breath;
Device of foes he hides in ſhade,
Their projects ſinks in death.

3 His word 's a righteous rule,
His ways are juſt, and wiſe;
All earth is of his goodneſs full,
And rich are his ſupplies.

4 The counſel of his mind
Can never know decay;
Bleſt are the ſouls who ſeek to find
His mercy's bright diſplay!

5 From his moſt high abode,
The ſons of men he views;
Delights in all who truſt in GOD,
And objects vain refuſe.

6 On thee, O LORD! we wait,
Be thou our help and ſhield;
Let troubles never hope defeat,
In heav'nly love reveal'd.

HYMN VIII. L. M.

The Teſtimony of Jeſus in the ſpirit of prophecy.
Iſ. xiv. 24, 27. and xlvi. 10.

Deut. xviii. 15, 18, &c. Iſ. xxxv. 5, 6. lix. 20. and lxi. 1—3. Zech. xi. 12. Luke iv. 17—21. and xxiv. 44—47. Acts iv. 10—12. and x. 38—43. Heb. i. 1, 2. Rev. xix. 10.

1 COGENT are proofs of prophecy,
That ne'er impoſture could unfold;
Nor unbelief with force deny:
In *Jeſus* meet the ſigns foretold.

Jer. xxviii. 9. Dan. vii. 13, &c. Joel ii. 28, &c. Hag. ii. 6—9. Luke iii. 4—6. and x. 23, 24. Acts xiii. 22, 23, 33. Rom. x. 15, &c. 2 Pet. i. 19, &c.

2 Wiſdom the bright, and infinite,
To men reveal'd ſublime events;
Striking ſucceeding ages' ſight,
Accompliſh'd by wiſe providence.

Pſ. ii. 2. xvi. 10. xxii. 1, 8, 16. and lxix. 21. Iſ. liii. 10, 12. Dan. ix. 24—26. Matt. xvi. 18, 21. John xv. 26. Acts iii. 13, &c. iv. 25, 26. and v. 30, 31. 1 Cor. xv. 3—8.

3 In pow'r of GOD, *Meſſiah* ſtood,
And by his great permiſſion fell;
A kingdom founded by his blood,
And riſing ſhook the gates of hell.

Ezek. xiv. 13, 14. Dan. viii. 13. and ix. 27. Zech. xiv. 2. Matt. xiii. 14, 15. and xxiv. 15. Luke xix. 41, 42. xxi. 24. xxiii. 28—31. Acts xiii. 27—30.

4 The *holy city*, guilt diſtain'd,
By judgment drown'd in awful ſleep;
Diſpers'd its tenantry diſdain'd,
Wand'ring afar like ſcatter'd ſheep.

Dan. xi. 36, &c. Matt. xxiv. 24. 2 Theſſ. ii. 3—12. Rev. iii. 3, &c. xiii. 1—8. xiv. 8, &c. and xvii. 2, 5, 18.

5 The *beaſt of myſtery* aſſum'd
Great pow'r, domain, and lofty name;
With regal odours long perfum'd,
And haſt'ning to predicted ſhame.

Gen. xlix. 10. Pſ. ii. 8. Iſ. ii. 2—5. xlix. 5—12. liv. 4, &c. and lx. 1—3. Jer. xvi. 14, 15. Dan. ii. 44. and vii. 14. Mic. iii. 1—4. Rom. ii. 15, 25, 26.

6 Truth ſtill proclaims the heav'nly voice,
GOD will perform his ſacred word;
All *Jews*, and *Gentiles*, ſhall rejoice
In the wide empire of our Lord.

HYMN IX.

The promiſed wide extenſion of the Goſpel kingdom entreated. (An interceſſion for the Heathen nations) Pſ. lxvii.

1 DEIGN GOD of mercy to diſplay
The bleſſing of thy pow'r;
Shine with a mild deſcending ray,
A happy glimpſe of heav'nly day,
While we thy grace implore.

2 Thy righteous will on earth be done,
To bleſs the heathen lands;
To all thy ſaving health made known,
The glory of thy gracious throne,
Thy way, and juſt commands.

3 Let all the new-born nations join
Their melody of tongues;
To praiſe, in light of mercy's ſhine,
Their Judge, and Governor divine,
With loud and joyful ſongs.

4 Then ſhall the truth of Jeſus reign,
Inſtructing filial fear;
Wiſdom and virtue baniſh pain,
And ev'ry hill, and barren plain,
A lovely glebe appear.

HYMN X. L. M.

The great Hope. 1 Pet. i. 3—5.

1 DISPLAY'D with glory, purely bright,
Are wonders in the ſacred word,
Delighting to the gentiles' ſight:
Bleſs'd be the FATHER of our Lord!

2 His mercy rich, in bleſſings ſhed,
Great and abundant in their ſcope,
By Chriſt revived from the dead,
Hath rais'd us to a glorious hope!

3 For that inheritance above,
In glory undefil'd, and pure,
That cannot fade; a realm of love,
By grace reſerv'd in heav'n ſecure!

4 For all to great ſalvation ſeal'd,
Through faith, by God's almighty pow'r;
And ready kept to be reveal'd
In light, when time ſhall be no more!

HYMN XI.

Chriſtian Animation. Rom. v. 1—11.

1 ENDEAR'D be truth that heals diſtreſſes,
Soreſt maladies of mind;
The heart with lively joy impreſſes,
Sorrows caſting to the wind.

2 Moſt rich are invitations peerleſs,
Onward to the mark to preſs;
Inſpiring chriſtian courage fearleſs,
Prize of glory to poſſeſs.

3 For ever welcome be his miſſion,
Who could bitter pangs defy;

Diſplaying light of heav'nly viſion,
And to conquer death could die.

4 To all his precepts tempers duteous,
May our hearts with pleaſure yield;
While graces ſweet, and bleſſings beauteous,
From his doctrine are diſtill'd.

5 How bright th' inheritance enſured,
To the man that humbly ſeeks!
A tranſient ſeaſon only buried,
Till the glorious morning breaks.

6 With perfect joy ſhall ſhine this morrow,
In the mercy now ador'd;
Then far remov'd from ſin, and ſorrow,
Ever bleſſed with the LORD.

HYMN XII.

The Tranſfiguration of Jeſus on the mount.
Luke ix. 28—36.

1 EFFULGENT light and glory beam'd,
Witneſs'd by *Peter*, *James*, and *John*,
Upon the mountain's top;
From love divine the radiance ſtream'd,
Full on the face of Jeſus ſhone,
To brighten chriſtian hope.

2 To heav'n aſcends his fervent pray'r;
Lo! *Moſes*, and *Elias*, ſtood
Beſide the gliſt'ring white;
Theſe heav'nly meſſengers declare
Jeruſalem will ſhed his blood;
But darken not his light.

3 Straight from the overpow'ring view,
In ſwoon th' apoſtles' ſenſe retir'd:
When 'waken'd from deep ſleep,

Still ſaw their Lord 'midſt ſhining two;
In holy joy the mount admir'd,
And there would dwelling keep.

4 But brief the ſcene.—A cloud drew near,
O'erſhadowing like a mantle caſt,
With ſolemn awe ſurvey'd!
Utt'ring a voice—'My ſon moſt dear
'This prophet greateſt, and the laſt:
'His truth ſhall be obey'd!'

HYMN XIII. L. M.

The glory of JEHOVAH: *or, Iſaiah's viſion.*
Iſ. vi. 1—7.

1 GLORIOUS, I ſaw, the living GOD,
High ſeated on th' exalted throne;
Caſting his pureſt light abroad,
Whoſe brightneſs through the temple ſhone!

2 Before it ſtood wing'd ſeraphim,
Cov'ring with twains their face, and feet;
Then flying through the radiant beam,
Deſcending from th' all-dazzling ſeat.

3 Each to another cried aloud,
'Moſt holy is the LORD OF HOSTS,
'Earth 's with his glory overflow'd:'
Their voices ſhook the heav'nly poſts.

4 I ſaw the temple fill'd with ſmoke,
Ah! wo is me, for I 'm undone;
A man unclean, too vile to look
Towards the King, the HOLY ONE!

5 Bearing the altar's living coal,
Then flew a ſeraph bright to me;
And touch'd my lips—'Thy guilty roll,'
He ſaid, 'no eye create ſhall ſee.'

HYMN XIV.

The omnipresent and irresistible Majesty: or, God all in all. Job ix. 4. xxviii. 24. and xxxiv. 21, 22. Ps. xi. 4. Jer. xxiii. 24. and xxxii. 27. 1 Cor. x. 22. Heb. iv. 13.

1 GRAND is the majesty HE wears,
Who sits enthron'd on high;
To worlds his sov'reign will declares,
And none, through all his empire, dares
His awful pow'r defy.

2 Through darkest realms his vision flies
Quick from his high abode;
Beams are alone for mortal eyes,
No veil, nor shade, can form disguise
Before the eye of GOD!

3 Who could a bold resistance keep?
As well may creatures feign
Beyond the highest star to leap;
Empty the caverns of the deep;
Or break the world in twain!

4 'Twould be for men a task as light
As his bright presence shun,
T' arrest the tempest of the night;
Grasp the wing'd light'ning in its flight;
Or stay the setting sun!

5 HE owns the universal frame,
Where rolls the earthly ball:
Propels, or checks, the harness'd flame;
Marshals the shining worlds by name:
For GOD is all in all!

HYMN XV. C. M.

The ten Lepers cured. Luke xvii. 11—19.

1 JESUS with grace in *Galilee*,
Ten loathſome lepers met;
Who ſtood far off rejoic'd to ſee,
And mercy to entreat.

2 'Go,' ſpake the friend of ſinners, 'go,
'Bearing the ſores bewail'd
'Your perſons to the prieſthood ſhow;'
And going they were heal'd.

3 A cleanſed poor *Samaritan*
Return'd, with thanks to GOD;
In faith to own the Son of man,
Eternal love beſtow'd.

4 'Of ten cur'd lepers,' Jeſus ſaid,
'Is but one grateful ſoul?
'Accepted are thy thanks well paid,
'Thy faith hath made thee whole.'

HYMN XVI.

The example and aſcenſion of Jeſus. Pſ. lxviii. 18. Acts i. 9—11. 1 Pet. ii. 21.

1 JESUS, in all the charms of love,
Drew the fair track of bleſſed peace,
The path he meekly trod;
In ſpirit like the heav'nly dove,
Impreſſing marks for us to trace,
And travel on to GOD.

2 With rays of all the virtues bright,
In excellence ordain'd t' excel,
The pattern of mankind;

To ſhine ſucceeding ages' light,
He all-reſign'd a victim fell,
To malice fiercely blind.

3 Of GOD anew his life inſpir'd,
Left the dark manſion of the tomb,
The dying hope to cheer;
Secur'd his kingdom, then retir'd,
Aſcending to his glorious home,
Th' angelic convoy near.

4 Diſciples ſaw the hov'ring cloud,
That from the gazing view conceal'd
Their brightly riſen Lord,
In high progreſſive flight to GOD,
By him again to be reveal'd,
To judge the dead reſtor'd.

HYMN XVII.

Truſt in God. Pſ. lxxi.

1 KING of glory! high in might,
Thou art all my hope, and fear;
Truſt in thee is pure delight,
Condeſcend my voice to hear:
Be my habitation ſtrong,
Daily comfort in reſort;
Be thy name my joyful ſong,
Rock of ſafety, heav'nly Fort!

2 Holden by thee life has been,
From thy kindneſs firſt deriv'd;
By its gracious favour ſeen,
Many jeopardies ſurviv'd:
Help with tempting wiles to cope,
Walking where thy precepts lead;
Cheer'd with promiſe, ſtay'd by hope,
Over flinty paths to tread.

3 KING of glory! grant thine aid,
In thy name to perſevere;
Bleſſings in thy truth diſplay'd,
Knowing well, and holding dear:
Still be thou my mighty Shield,
Never leave me in diſmay;
Be my mouth with praiſes fill'd,
With thy honour all the day.

HYMN XVIII.

Breathings for the divine preſence, and Zion's revival.
1 Kings viii. 27—30. Pſ. cii. 1—18. Iſ. lv. 9 &c.

PART I.

1 KINDLE in ev'ry heart,
A ray of light divine;
Some glowing fire impart,
In worſhip pure to ſhine;
The flame of love,
May truth ſupply,
Aſcending high,
To GOD above.

2 Turn not thine ear away,
Nor hide thy ſmiling face,
When we approach to pray;
And wait to ſee thy grace:
Thou wilt ariſe,
And mercy ſhow
To men below,
And bleſs their eyes.

3 As rain and ſnow deſcend,
And fertilize the ſoil;
The ſower to befriend,
And make the hungry ſmile:

So comes thy word,
And ſhall fulfil
Thy holy will
Of grace, O LORD!

PART II.

4 Will GOD in very deed,
On earth with mortals dwell,
Whoſe feet for pavement tread
High ſtars the reſt excel?
The heav'n moſt bright
Can ne'er contain
The GOD, whoſe reign
Is perfect light.

5 When Sion's time is come,
By thee determin'd near,
Light ſhall diſpel her gloom,
And glory bright appear:
Her ſtones, and duſt,
True pleaſure give
To men, that live
In humble truſt.

6 When thou ſhalt Sion build,
And open wide her door;
Beholding truth fulfill'd,
Thee heathens will implore:
On ſure record,
Thy love ſhall ſtand,
That ev'ry land
May praiſe the LORD.

HYMN XIX. C. M.

Penitence beſeeching forgiveneſs of God. Pſ. li.

PART I.

1 KEEN is the anguiſh of the heart,
With ſenſe of guilt oppreſs'd;

Have mercy LORD, and heal the ſmart
Of treſpaſſes confeſt.

2 Thou haſt a ſov'reign right to deal
On guilt with pow'r ſevere;
And ſhould thy mighty terrors kill,
Still juſt would'ſt thou appear.

3 Polluted in thy ſight I ſtand,
And odious all my ſin;
Stretch down divine compaſſion's hand,
To make my ſpirit clean.

4 If incens'd off'rings thy demand,
Not then could I repine;
My beſt ſhould at thine altar ſtand,
For all I have is thine.

5 Free in deſign in aim ſincere,
The heart doſt thou require;
For ſacrifice, the contrite tear
Thy merciful deſire.

PART II.

6 Blot my tranſgreſſions from thy book,
GREAT GOD of glorious grace;
Beſtow one kind and cheering look,
A glimpſe of pity's face.

7 As cleans'd with hyſop waſh me pure,
Whiter than fleecy ſnow;
Sweet peace by heav'nly truth aſſure,
Thy wiſdom make me know.

8 On Sion in good pleaſure look,
Her ſacred walls renew;
There kindly meet thy gather'd flock,
And gracious glory ſhew.

9 In hope confirm me by thy word,
That thou wilt ne'er deſtroy;
Safe keep me in thy preſence LORD,
Bleſt with ſalvation's joy.

10 In promis'd love my lips unſeal,
To utter ſongs of praiſe;
My grateful ſoul ſhall bleſſings hail,
And notes of tribute raiſe.

HYMN XX.

The privileges and proſpects of believers inſpiring reciprocal kindneſs, Pſ. lxii. 5, 6. John xiii. 34, 35. 1 Cor. xvi. 12. 2 Cor. iv. 14 &c. 1 Pet. i. 13. Jude 21.

1 KINDRED ſpirits upward tending,
Keep their heav'nly home in ſight;
On the promis'd aid depending,
Full of grace, and true delight:
Mutual peace, and warm affection,
Fruits of piety diſplay;
Counſel wiſe, and ſafe direction,
In the light and happy way.

2 Love, that never gives denial,
Kindly hears their fervent pray'r;
Words, that bear ſevereſt trial,
Everlaſting life declare:
Bleſſed themes of great ſalvation,
Bright in joy to be diſplay'd,
Flowing from divine compaſſion,
By the ſon of man convey'd!

3 Glory's viſion, moſt reſplendent,
Preſent toil ſhall recompenſe,

Hopes elated all tranſcendent,
Far beyond a mortal's ſenſe:
Sin and frailty wholly baniſh'd,
Never more t' annoy the peace;
Ev'ry cloud of ſorrow vaniſh'd,
From the realm of perfect bliſs.

HYMN XXI. L. M.

The kindneſs of God the glory of his nature. Pſ. xxxvi.

1 MAKER of all moſt great, and good,
How bright thy favour ſhines above!
Hopes centred in thy glorious love,
Thy faithful mercies ne'er elude.

2 High as cloud-veſted mountains ſtand,
Thy righteouſneſs, with truth combin'd;
And deep the judgment of thy mind,
As where no line can fathom land.

3 Thy providential pow'r, diſplay
All nature's various tribes that breathe;
Orders on high, and ranks beneath,
Thy goodneſs know without decay.

4 Spreading a ſpacious canopy,
How excellent thy kindneſs LORD!
A ſhelter ſafe thy wings afford,
For refuge there the troubled flee.

5 There ſtands thy temple richly fill'd,
With light deſcending from thy face;
There flows the river of thy grace,
Clear from the fount of truth reveal'd.

6 Abundance there partake with joy
All knowing thee, and pure in heart;
Still bleſſings may thy love impart,
And holineſs their praiſe employ.

HYMN XXII. L. M.

Faith ſuſtained in the worſhip of God's houſe.
Pſ. xxvii. lxxxiv. and xcii.

PART II.

1 MY light and great ſalvation's joy,
Whoſe beams admiring thoughts employ;
And ſtrength of life are of the LORD,
Whom ſhall I fear, though keen his ſword?

2 Within thy houſe of pray'r to dwell,
Survey thy beauties all excel;
And know what heav'nly glories ſpeak,
In hope, and ſtrong deſire, I ſeek.

3 Haſt thou not call'd to ſeek thy face,
In Sion thine appointed place?
Great Helper GOD, hide not thy ray,
In anger put me not away.

4 Teach me the truths thy will declare,
Show me thy way, and lead me there;
Plain is the path of true delight,
Thy mercies pure, thy judgments right.

5 Languor had ſunk my feeble mind,
If I had not believ'd thee kind;
Nor waited mercy's throne to view,
Strength, joy, and courage, to renew.

6 A refuge thy pavilion ſtands,
There hide me with thy gracious hands;
In ev'ry ſtorm to thee I 'll look,
O! ſet me on thy ſtable rock.

PART II.

7 How good thy bleſſings LORD to ſee,
And render humble thanks to thee;
To ſing the praiſes of thy name,
And glory of thy works proclaim!

8 Thou art my Sun for daily light,
My Safeguard in the ſtormy night;
Upon thy bounty LORD I live,
And thou wilt grace and glory give.

9 How amiable thy courts appear!
How bleſt to feel the ſacred cheer!
Delightful portion here t' abide,
And in thy love, and truth, confide!

10 Here with thy gracious preſence fill'd,
One day a ſweeter joy ſhall yield,
Than ſtrangers in a thouſand know;
For this is taſting heav'n below.

HYMN XXIII. L. M.

Waiting upon God. Pſ. xxv.

1 REMEMBER LORD thy kindeſt love,
Thy tender mercies great of old;
At diſtance all our ſins remove,
For goodneſs ſake divinely told.

2 In hope to thee our ſouls we lift,
Ne'er ſink us in confuſion's ſhame;
We wait to take thy promis'd gift,
O! teach in truth to bleſs thy name.

3 Thou wilt inſtruct, and make them wiſe,
Who own thy name with humble fear;
In peace they dwell, or in their eyes
Joy gliſtens in contrition's tear.

4 Guide us with meekneſs in thy way,
To keep thy teſtimonies right;
Upon us ſhine with mercy's ray,
In all thy paths of pure delight.

HYMN XXIV. C. M.

The ſympathy of Jeſus; or, the widow's ſon reſtored.

1 RAYS of compaſſion, mildly bright,
Beam'd in the ſaviour's face;
Wherever trouble met his ſight,
Hearts troubled found his grace.

2 When paſſing near the gate of *Nain*,
He view'd the laden bier;
Attended by a num'rous train,
Shedding affection's tear.

3 A widow'd mother's painful ſighs
Bewail'd what death had done;
Near to the corpſe, her ſtreaming eyes
Mourn'd for her only ſon.

4 As when in pity Jeſus ſigh'd,
O'er vile *Jeruſalem*,
'Ah! oft in ſhame haſt thou defied
'My mercy to reedeem;

5 With tend'reſt ſympathy he ſpake,
'Daughter of grief forbear,
'By ſorrow's pangs thy heart to break,
'And weeping in deſpair.'

6 He touch'd the bier, in ſolemn awe
The bearers ſilent ſtood;
And heard 'Young man ariſe, and draw
'Renewed breath from God.'

7 Prompt at his voice the youth awoke,
'Midſt lamentation's flood:
His mother, hearing words he ſpoke,
In melting wonder ſtood.

8 All ſaw amaz'd the gracious deed,
Their tongues adoring ſaid
'The prophet 's ris'n—in *David's* ſeed
'Hath GOD his viſit made!'

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